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TWO-OCEAN NAVY URGENCY

The speedy completion of a two-ocean navy was urged by Colonel Knox, Secretary of Navy, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics in testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee yesterday.

All three warned Congress that the international situation might continue to grow worse from time to time.

Speedy completion of a two-ocean navy was necessary because the combined German, Italian and Japanese fleets at the beginning of this year totalled 1,835,000 tons against the 1,250,000 tons of the United States.

This did not take into account the French ships.—Reuter.

Yugoslav Attitude

The Yugoslavs are resisting Nazi pressure, according to Ankara radio last night.

"The Yugoslavs are resolutely determined to remain neutral," said the Turkish announcer, "and German pressure is fast leading to anti-Axis feeling in Yugoslavia."

The announcer added that although an understanding between Germany and Yugoslavia was acclaimed on Wednesday, the subsequent change in the German demands seemed to have prevented the Yugoslavs from signing an agreement.—Reuter.

500 CARGO SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

THE BUILDING OF 500 CARGO SHIPS FOR BRITAIN IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION'S NEW EMERGENCY PROGRAM, ME, ACCORDING TO THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.

The Commission is also considering placing the liners Washington and Manhattan on the New York-Lisbon route, replacing smaller ships at present operating that route, according to the New York "Times"—Reuter.

Mass Infantry Attacks: Enormous Losses Inflicted

THE ITALIANS HAVE ADOPTED MASS INFANTRY ATTACKS WITH TREMENDOUS FORCES, IN A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO REPULSE THE GREEKS ON THE COASTAL FRONT IN ALBANIA, ACCORDING TO A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY BULLETIN QUOTED BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The mass attacks were supported by a heavy artillery bombardment, but despite frantic efforts no ground was regained.

America Takes Strain

Responsibility for between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 worth of unfilled British orders for war material and British-owned facilities for munition production in the United States, may be transferred to the United States Government.

This was disclosed in Washington yesterday by a high administrative official, who stated that negotiations on the subject were proceeding which would relieve some of the pressure on Britain's efforts to raise dollar exchange.

It is estimated that the British own about \$100,000,000 worth of munition factories and production facilities in the United States.—Reuter.

FROM NAZI SOURCE

THE PRESENCE FOR THE SECOND TIME OF M. MOLOTOV, SOVIET FOREIGN COMMISSAR, AT A BANQUET AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, IS REGARDED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES THERE AS AN INDICATION OF THE PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO A GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY DESPATCH FROM MOSCOW.

The banquet was given by Mr. Tatekawa, the Ambassador, in

Finally the Italians were forced to desist and retired, leaving the field strewn with dead and wounded.

Mussolini's presence in Albania is now confirmed by so many prisoners' statements that it cannot be doubted, the announcer said.

The Duce has not succeeded in heartening the troops, nor in changing the fortune of war.

The announcer added: "The Duce is returning to Italy on Saturday."

One More Defeat

"His plan was to take back a victory with which to console his disconsolate people."

Instead he will take back one more defeat -- the heaviest of all -- together with the maledictions of the battered Italian army.—Reuter.

Greek Communique

The failure of heavy Italian attacks in Albania is announced in a Greek communique.

The communique says: "The enemy continued his offensive throughout the day, launching repeated violent attacks along a wide front all day."

"Large forces of infantry were used, supported by strong artillery and many aircraft."

"Our troops repulsed all enemy attacks, inflicting heavy losses."

"Our aircraft successfully bombed military targets, and our anti-aircraft guns brought down two enemy aircraft."—Reuter.

honour of M. Molotov.

M. Vyshinski, Deputy Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and other prominent Soviet personages were present, the despatch adds.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION ON SHIPPING POSITION

The House of Commons held yesterday's session in secret to discuss the shipping position, says a Reuter despatch from London.

MANISTEE SUNK

THE AUXILIARY VESSEL MANISTEE HAS BEEN SUNK, ACCORDING TO AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Manistee is a converted vessel of 5,300 tons.—Reuter.

DANGER TO EIRE

AS THE CRISIS OF THE WAR GREW MORE ACUTE THE DANGER TO IRELAND CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASED, SAID THE EIRE PREMIER, MR. EAMONN DE VALERA, SPEAKING IN THE DAIL YESTERDAY ON THE VOTE OF ACCOUNTS.

Mr. de Valera said that from the moment war broke out Eire had been in danger, not because the belligerents wanted directly or indirectly to injure them, but because the country happened to be placed in such a position that there was a temptation on one side or the other to seize the territory for military advantage.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN FUNDS FROZEN

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS "FROZEN" ALL HUNGARIAN FUNDS IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Mr. Morgenthau added that the President and the Treasury had acted at the request of the State Department but he declined to discuss reasons for the action.—Reuter.

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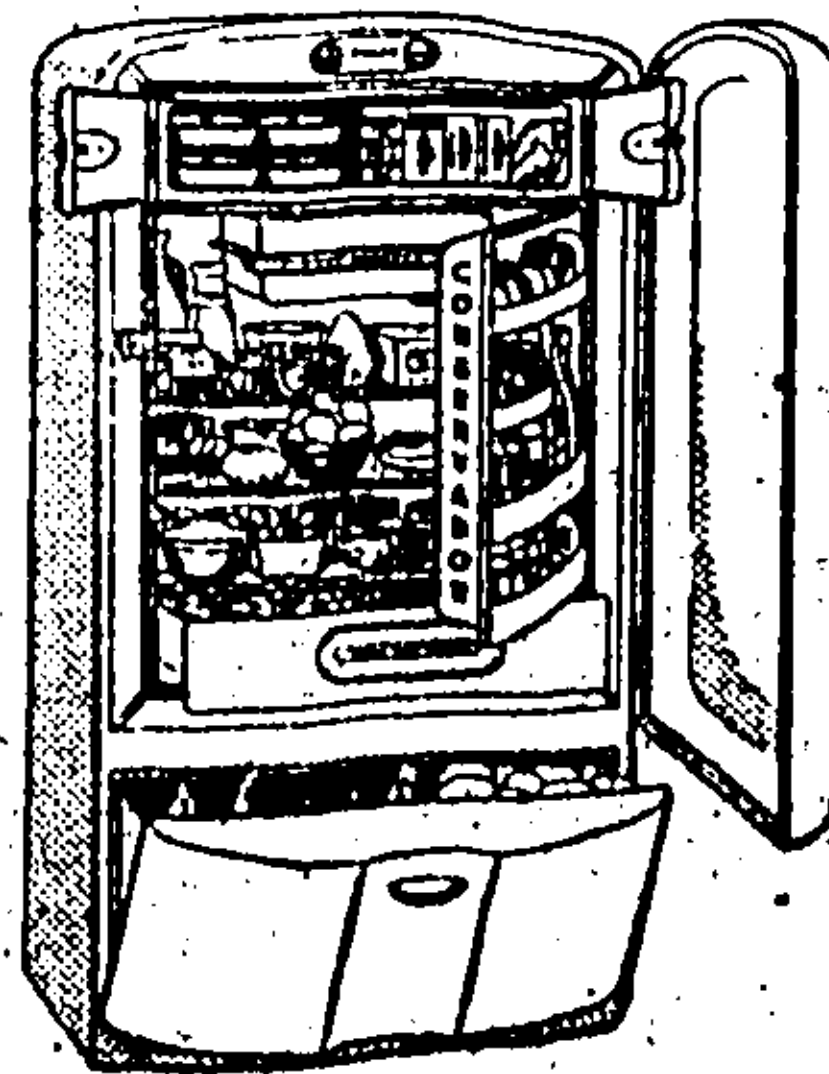
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R.A.F. STRIKES HARD AT REICH

Hundreds Of Bombers Over Bremen And Berlin

GOEBBELS BUBBLES

Four centuries of German history are in the course of revision, declared Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, speaking in Vienna on the occasion of the anniversary of the Austrian Anschluss.

Goebbels described the Germans as the greatest and soundest people on earth and the German army as the best in the world.

THERE REMAINED THE LAST ENEMY—ENGLAND.

Referring to Vienna's problems, he said everyone had burdens but they should remember that the

THEY WON'T HAVE C.O. AS A FIREMAN

Barnet (Herts) Council have decided to dispense with the services of an auxiliary fireman named Patchley, who had registered as a conscientious objector and had been listed for non-combatant duties. Patchley was a part-time volunteer.

"A man who is not prepared to fight for his home and country should not be a member of a vital service for which we are paying," said Councillor Ryley Pratt, chief warden for the district.

"If such a man can find work elsewhere, well and good, but I am not prepared to work with him, and if I have the power I shall see that no one holding such principles shall work in any service with which I am connected."

Fuehrer bore the greatest burden of them all and was himself a son of Austria.—Reuter.

Blazes In Berlin Visible Over 100 Miles Away

A FORMIDABLE STRIKING FORCE OF BRITISH BOMBER COMMAND AIRCRAFT SWEEP OVER GERMANY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT TO ATTACK HAMBURG, BREMEN AND BERLIN FROM SOON AFTER NIGHTFALL TO AN HOUR OR SO BEFORE DAWN.

Together the three attacks made the heaviest blow British bombers have yet struck at Germany. Over each objective there was a concentrated barrage, and to reach their objectives in Berlin the British bombers had to penetrate a continuous curtain fire.

The attack on Berlin lasted several hours and British crews were able to pick out streets, railways and lakes around the city almost as if they had been flying in daylight.

Fragments of shells hit the wings and under-carriage of one British 'plane but nothing prevented the pilot and bomb aimer completing their task.

They saw their bombs burst on the target in various parts of the city and the glow in the sky could be seen from 100 miles on the way home.

ONE PILOT SWOOPED DOWN THROUGH THE BARRAGE AND MACHINE-GUNNED HIS OBJECTIVE FROM JUST ABOVE THE ROOF-TOPS AND THEN FLEW ON TO ATTACK BARRACKS OUTSIDE THE CITY FROM THE SAME LOW LEVEL.

Bremen Onslaught

An important plant for the manufacture of war material was the chief objective at Bremen, where the results of the concentrated attack were among the most spectacular ever reported by British pilots.

Bursts were seen over the whole area of the works. Many buildings received direct hits and were seen to catch fire.

Elsewhere in Bremen, says the Air Ministry news service, the first signs of trouble were long lines of bursting incendiaries across industrial objectives and then the buildings themselves were seen to catch fire.

Air Combats

The defences of Bremen were almost as vigorous as those of Berlin and a number of German fighters attempted to intercept the British bombers, there being several inconclusive engagements.

Hamburg, too, had a sleepless night and just after 10 p.m. the first British raiders were dropping their bombs among the docks and shipping yards. Fires flared high and some pilots reported seeing them clearly 70 and 80 miles away.

AS WELL AS THIS GREAT CONCENTRATION OF AIRCRAFT OVER GERMANY, THE BOMBER COMMAND ALSO DESPATCHED A NUMBER OF HEAVY BOMBERS TO BOULOGNE, WHERE MANY HITS WERE SCORED ON THE DOCKS.

British fighters escorted a bomber squadron across the Channel soon after midday yesterday to attack the German-occupied aerodrome at Calais, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

Offensive Patrols

Bombs were seen to burst on the aerodrome and among aircraft dispersed at one end of it.

Other fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during the

MR. KAWAI ON AUSTRALIA'S FEARS

Australian fears of Japan were described as "completely unnecessary" by Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia, on arrival in Sydney yesterday.

Mr. Kawai said: "Australia is for the Australians and Asia for Asiatics," and he hoped to see a "geographical, social, commercial, economic and political axis between Australia and Asia."—Reuter.

afternoon and destroyed an enemy fighter.

An enemy bomber which crossed the south coast was promptly intercepted and shot down in the sea.

One British fighter is missing from these operations.—Reuter.

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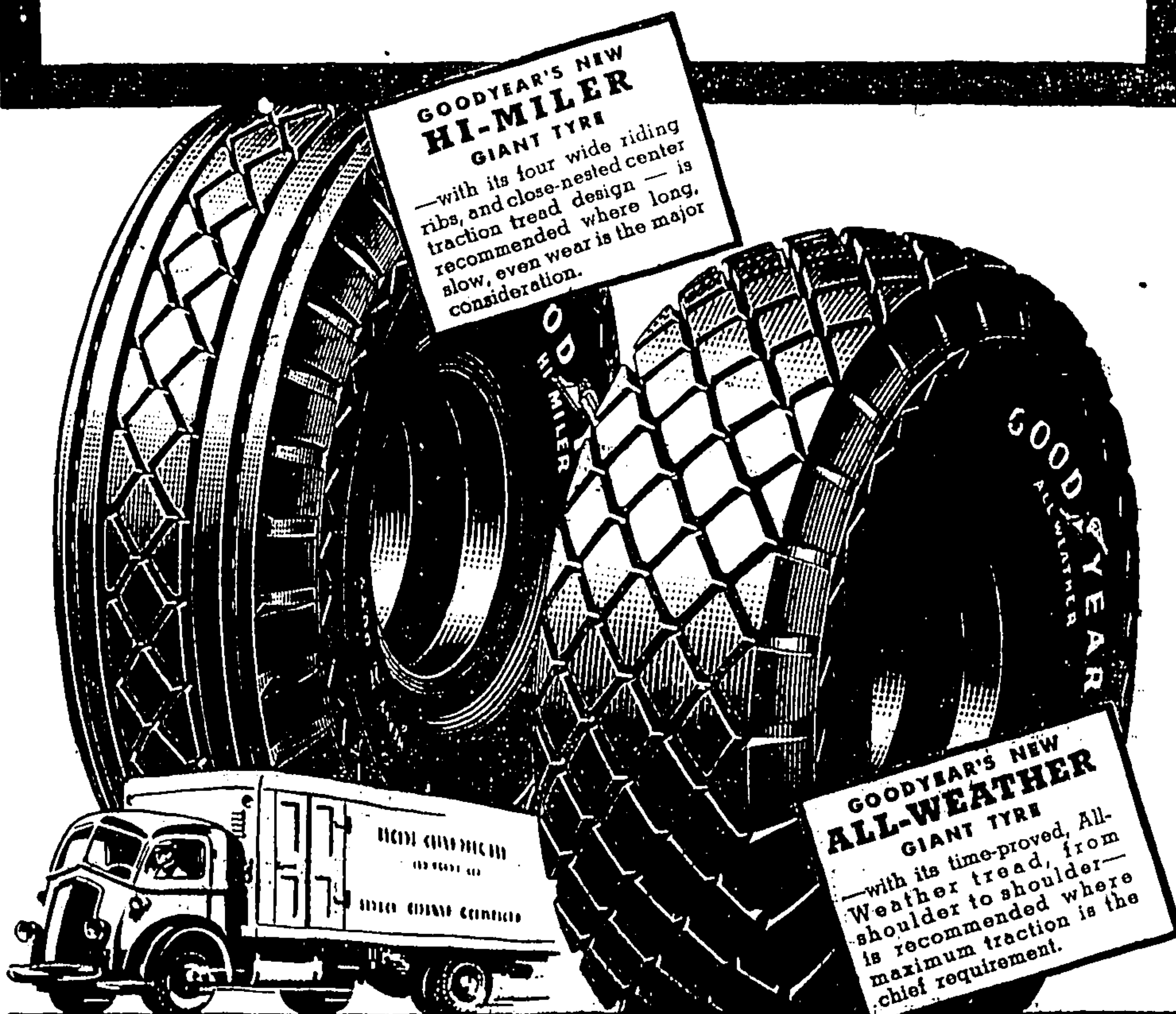
Three of five men charged with petrol coupon offences were, at the Old Bailey sent to prison for six, nine and twenty-one months, and the decision on the other two was postponed.

Victor Perelval, eighteen, a clerk, pleaded guilty to stealing coupons from the Petroleum Board.

John Thomas Wrench, thirty-six, lorry driver, pleaded guilty to conspiracy; Charles Wheatley, forty-seven, A.R.P. worker, and Reginald Stanley Austen thirty, metal worker, pleaded guilty to receiving coupons, and Leslie Walter Bates, thirty-three, dispatch manager, pleaded guilty to receiving and conspiracy.

Bates was sentenced to twenty-one months' imprisonment; Wheatley to nine months and Wrench to six months.

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Intensified Air Activity In And Round England

Widespread Night Raids In Progress

BRITISH FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN TWO MORE ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING YESTERDAY WITHOUT LOSS TO THEMSELVES. THIS OCCURRED WHEN, AT ABOUT DAWN, A SMALL NUMBER OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS CROSSED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST.

They did not penetrate far inland, however, before they were intercepted by British fighters.

A few bombs were dropped but they caused no casualties and little damage.

Otherwise there was little enemy activity up to noon.

In addition to the nine enemy bombers destroyed in Wednesday night's raid, the Air Ministry state that a number of other enemy bombers are known to have been damaged by various means and it is possible that several of them failed to return to their bases.

A German bomber with a full bomb load was shot down in the south of England shortly after dark last night.

Gigantic Explosion

As the machine crashed the bomb load went off in a gigantic explosion, smashing the machine to small fragments and killing the crew.

Explosion of the bombs could be heard 20 miles away.

Widespread Raids

Soon after dark enemy bombers were reported to be over many parts of the country, indicating more widespread attacks.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

HITHERTO NO PART OF THE BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA HAVE BEEN USED FOR PURCHASES ABROAD, DECLARED MR. HARCOURT JOHNSTONE, SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS TRADE, AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. M. Price (Lab) interposed: Is everything being done that can be done to assist the Chinese Republic in their present struggle?

Mr. Johnstone: Yes.—Reuter.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

The Greek destroyer Psara, escorting a convoy in the Aegean Sea, sank a submarine which attempted to attack the convoy.

This was announced by the Ministry of Marine in Athens yesterday.—Reuter.

THIRD HEAVY RAID ON RHODES

R.A.F. bombers, for the third successive night, launched a heavy raid on enemy aerodromes on the island of Rhodes.

A COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID SAYS THAT AT AMRITZA ALL BOMBS FELL ON THE AERODROME RUNWAY OR AMONG HANGARS.

Bombs caused explosions and a fire visible 20 miles away.

At Calato and Catania all bombs fell on the aerodromes. Several explosions and a fire were caused at Scarpanto. Despite anti-aircraft fire all our aircraft returned safely. Reuter.

"OBSESSION FOR BABY": JUDGE

A young wife, who pleaded guilty to taking a five-week-old baby out of its mother's care, seemed to have an obsession for a child, said the Recorder at the Old Bailey.

The Recorder, postponing his decision until a probation officer could make inquiries, said he did not want to send the girl—Alma Armstrong, aged twenty-two—to prison if he could avoid it.

INDIAN PLAN TO ENCOURAGE RECRUITING

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED in Delhi yesterday stated that the Government of India have had under consideration the necessity of taking steps to ensure that services all desiring to assist in the prosecution of the war should be utilised to the fullest extent.

Youths suitable for emergency commissions are to be called for, also those suitable for civil employment.

There are reasons to believe that such persons may hesitate to apply for emergency commissions, fearing to lose permanently their chances of civil employment after the war. The Government consider it desirable to remove these apprehensions.

It has therefore been decided, with the approval of the Secretary of State for India, to leave 50 per cent of the annual vacancies occurring in the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police unfilled, with a view to their being made available after the war, to be filled by suitable candidates with war service.

This decision applies equally towards the recruitment of Indians and Europeans and towards recruitment made in India and England.

Reserved Vacancies

The Government of India propose to apply a similar scheme of reservation towards the Central Services with necessary modifications imposed by peculiar requirements in particular services.

The provincial governments are expected to make their own pronouncements in respect of the services under their control.

Vacancies thus reserved are to be filled immediately after the war from candidates who have rendered approved war service.

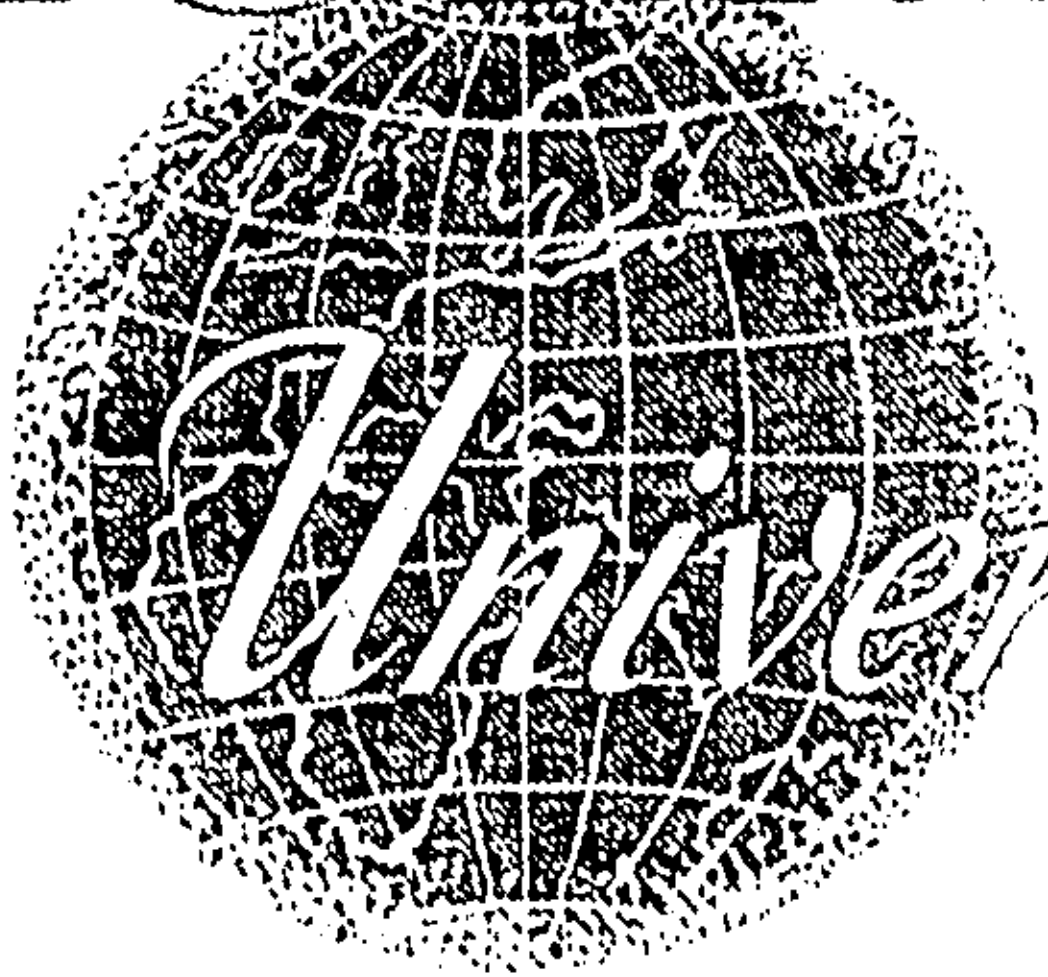
The minimum educational qualifications, possession of which will be considered essential for the services in question, will be prescribed but otherwise recruitment for such reserved vacancies will be made by election and due consideration given to a certificate of good service from the military commander of the unit in which the candidate had served.

Appointments are to be subject to the usual medical examination.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange was very quiet yesterday. A small amount of routine selling caused occasional dullness but the undertone remains steady. Gilt-edged securities were a trifle easier but home rails improved on provincial enquiry. Industrials were narrowly regular while oils were easier and Kaffirs were steady and unaffected by the Budget. Brazilian issues were supported. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

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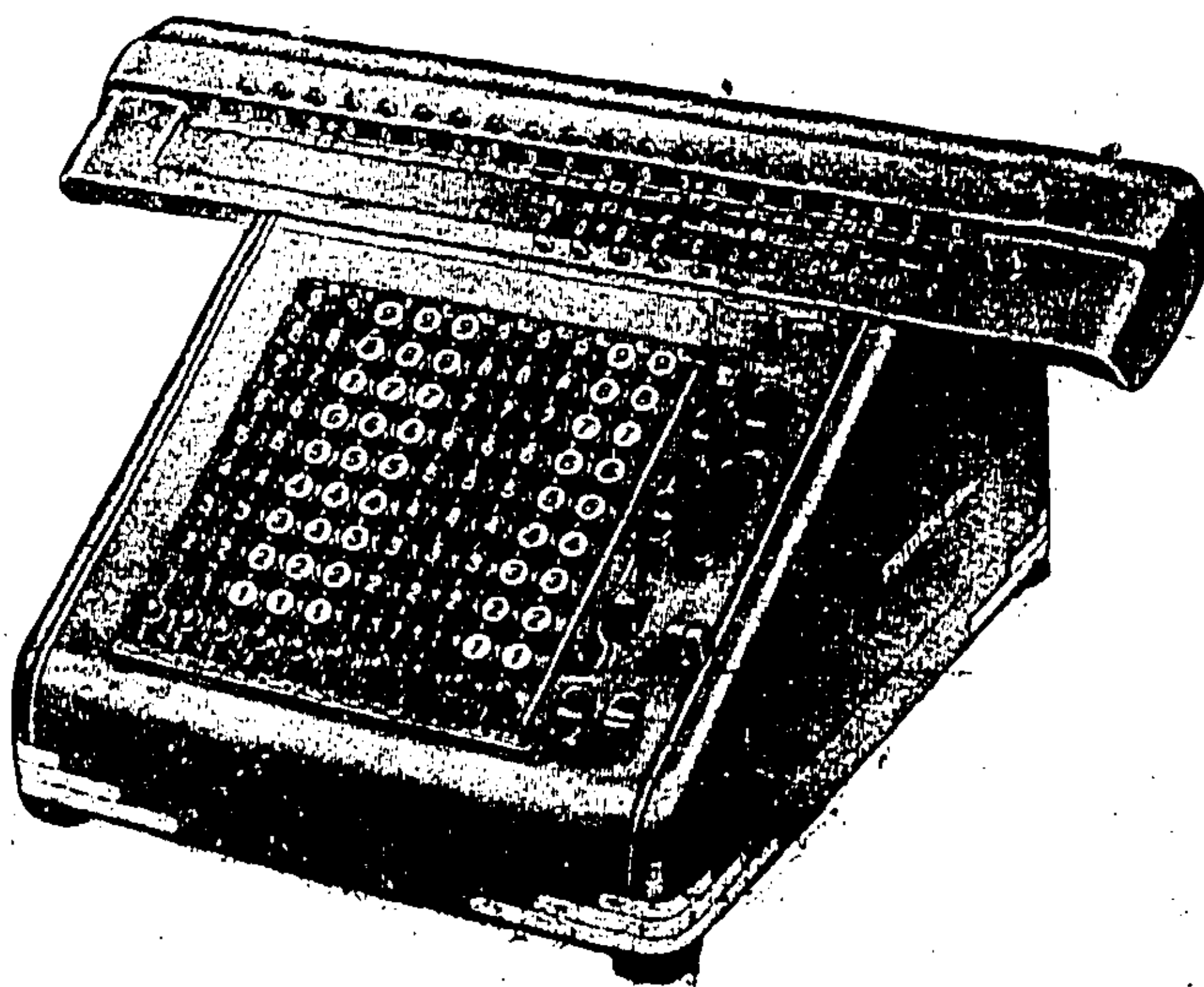
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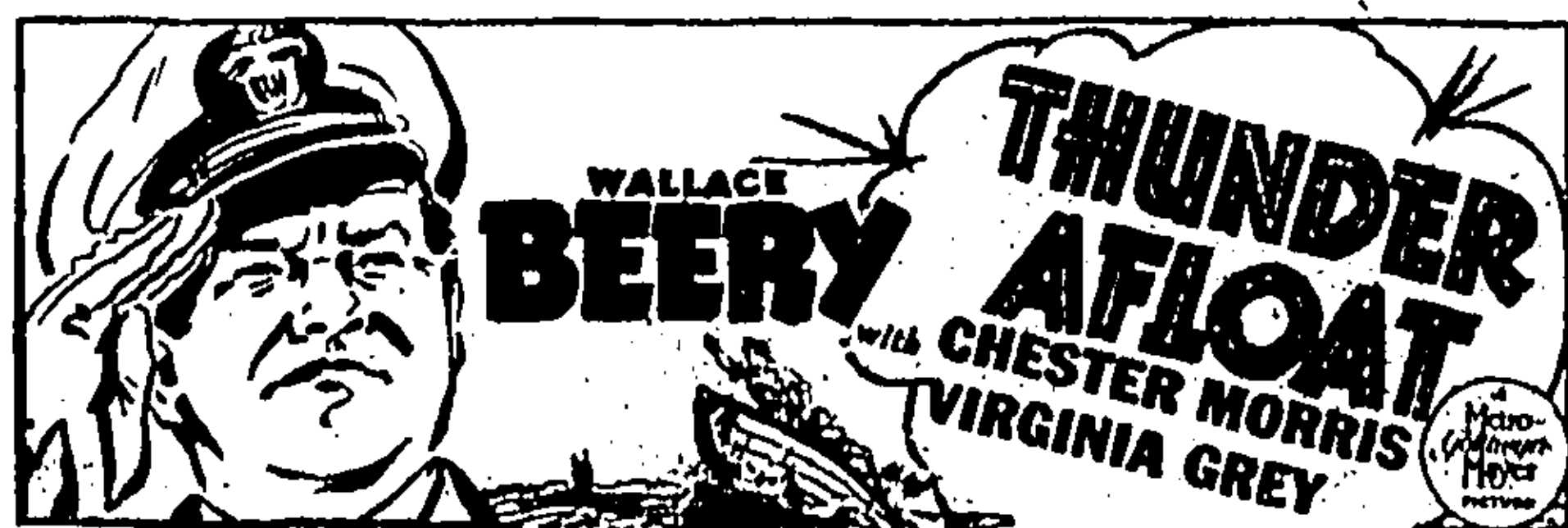
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INDIAN CONFERENCE BID TO TERMINATE DEADLOCK

THE BOMBAY CONFERENCE presided over by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru yesterday adopted a draft resolution which will be passed by the plenary session to-day.

After recording profound admiration of the heroism and undaunted steadfastness of the British people and paying a tribute to the Indian troops in the Middle East, the resolution urges the resources of India in men and materials should be used to the fullest advantage not only in self-defence but in helping the British people as fully as possible.

The resolution urges that simultaneously with the reconstruction of the central government, the British Government make a declaration that within a definite time limit after the conclusion of the war, India will attain constitutional status such as will be attained, for example, by the Dominions of Australia and Canada after the war.

Main feature of the suggested reconstruction is that the whole Executive Council should consist entirely of non-official Indians, with joint responsibility for the period of the war, with the defence portfolio in charge of an Indian but with proper safeguards to maintain the position of the Commander-in-Chief as executive head of the Army, and the finance portfolio to be in the hands of an Indian.—Reuter.

NAMES FOR WAR BABIES

Soldiers' wives are among the many mothers evacuated to maternity hospitals in the Shakespeare country who are naming their babies after characters in Shakespeare's plays.

Brought by ambulance from bombed areas, they are so grateful for the attention and hospitality they have received that they are making their children living reminders of the hospitals in Shakespeare's country, where they were brought safely through their ordeals.

Portia and Jessica, from "The Merchant of Venice," Helena and Hermia, from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and Phebe, from "As You Like It," are some of the names the mothers have chosen.

Not Czech's Choice

But a Czechoslovakian soldier who was visiting his wife and baby in one of the hospitals told a reporter, "I'm more than grateful for what the hospital have

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Anyway, the uncertainty ought to make it all the more exciting for a simple soldier, so if you want to be educated go to it and catch the professors out.

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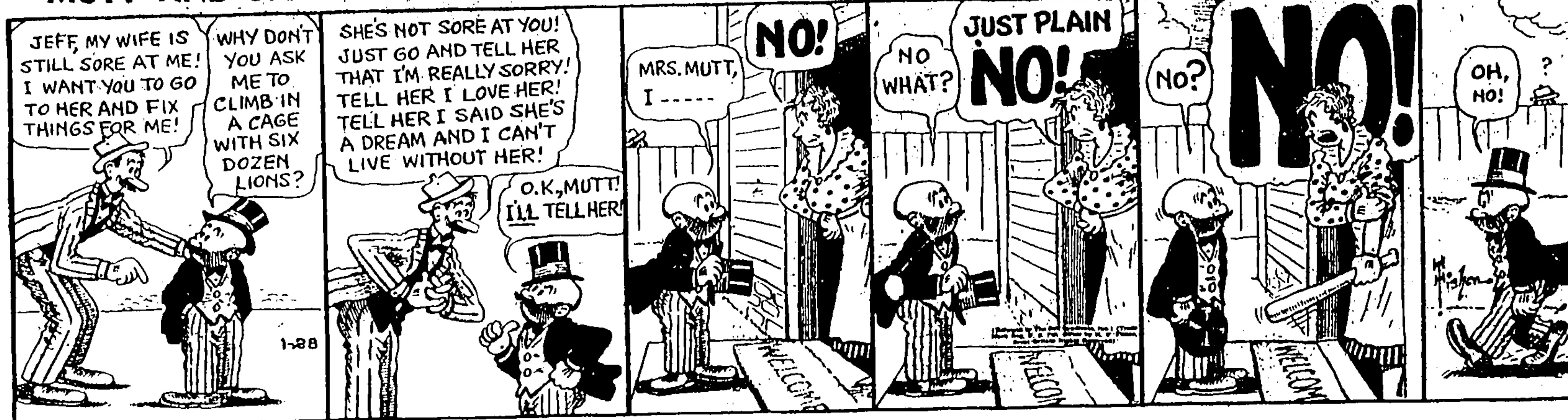
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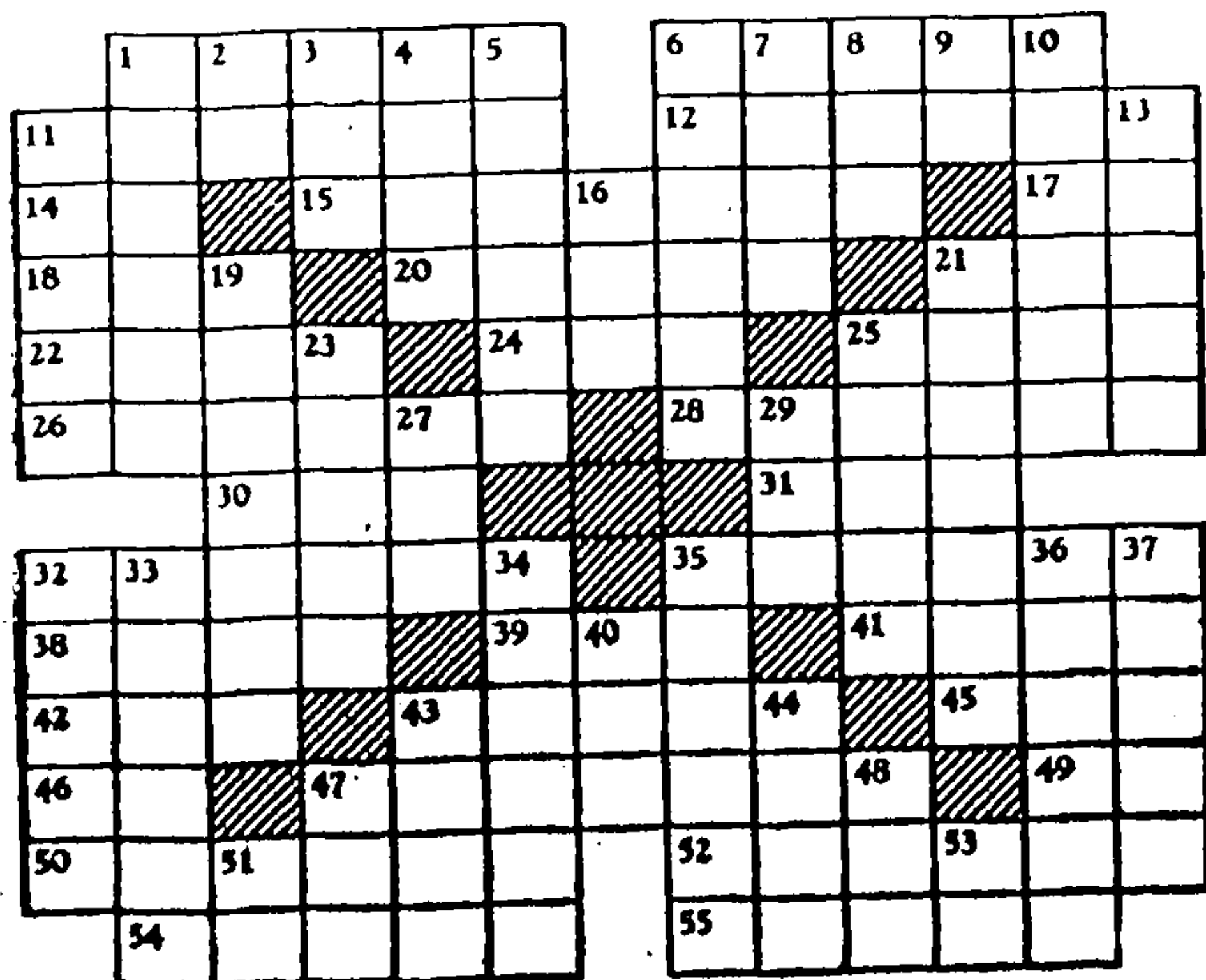


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OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Devastation
- 6 Mephistopheles
- 11 To scoff at
- 12 Heavenly body
- 14 Molten lava
- 15 To make slight allusion to
- 17 Extremely
- 18 Indehiscent fruit
- 20 To ply with fuel
- 21 Music; as written
- 22 Couches
- 24 Before
- 25 Hebrew prophet
- 26 Sharp-shooter
- 28 To leave
- 30 To place
- 31 Pike-like fish
- 32 Pertaining to a choir
- 35 American commodore
- 38 To become weakened by inaction
- 39 Constellation
- 41 Brain membrane
- 42 Japanese statesman
- 43 Hindu prayer rug
- 45 Fish-like vertebrate

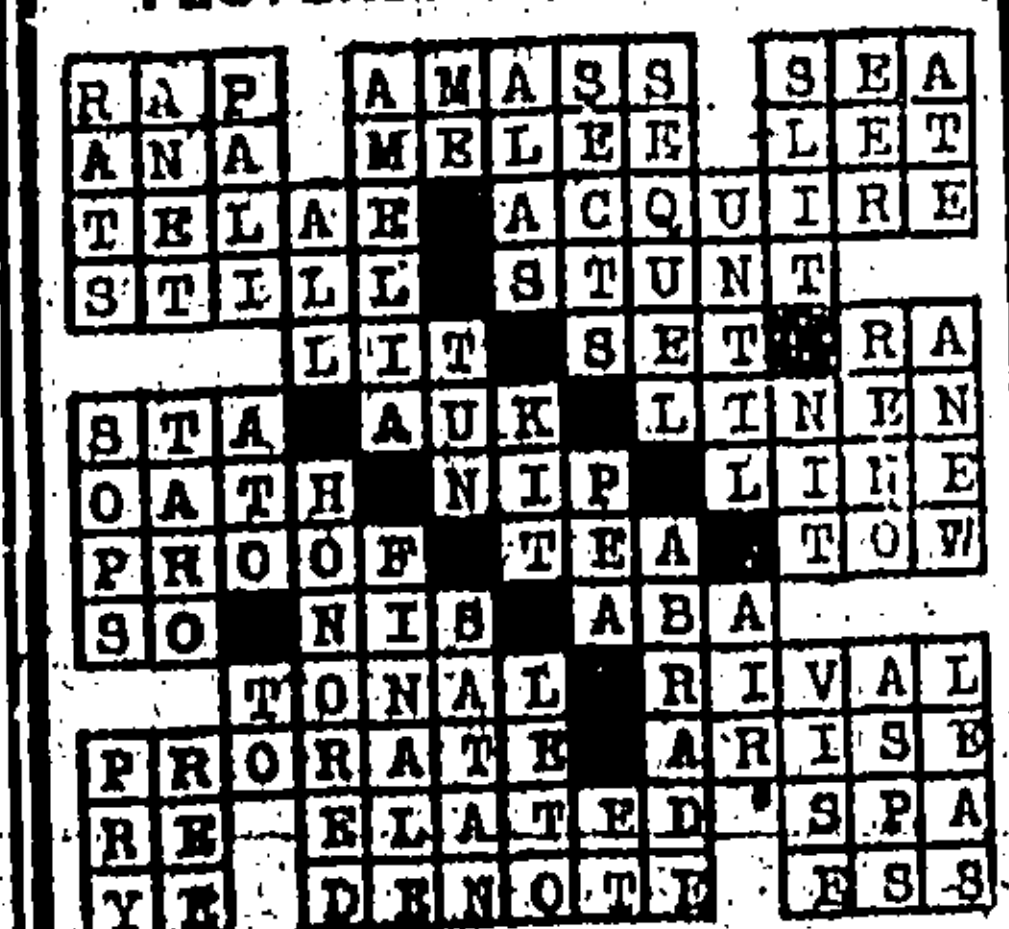
- 46 Brother of Odin
- 47 Wife of a Duke
- 49 Part of infinitive
- 50 Printer's errors
- 52 To make light by fermentation
- 54 Moorish drum
- 55 Savory

VERTICAL

- 1 Region surrounding the earth
- 2 Land measure
- 3 Energy
- 4 Lyric poems
- 5 Middle
- 6 Impaled

- 7 Fibre plant
- 8 Light brown
- 9 Article
- 10 King of Pylus
- 11 Besmears
- 13 To drink the health of
- 16 Rocky crag
- 19 Pertaining to hat
- 21 More astute
- 23 Sudden gush of liquid
- 25 Aside
- 27 Greek letter
- 29 The self
- 32 To desire
- 33 Bishop of Liege
- 34 East Indian sailor
- 35 Sections of wall
- 36 Overjoyed
- 37 Lustrous textile fibre
- 40 Cheer
- 43 Vehicle
- 44 On the ocean
- 47 To strike softly
- 48 To weaken
- 51 Sun god
- 53 Six

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



29 ROOMS, REFUSED TO BILLET

"We call upon the poor and we expect the rich to set an example," Cowbridge, Glam. magistrates told a woman fined for refusing to have an evacuee mother and three children in her mansion of twenty-one bedrooms and eight sitting rooms.

The Mayor of Cowbridge, Alderman T. J. Yorwerth, chairman of the Bench, said "Every member of the Bench knows Mrs. Blandy Jenkins and her kindness in Llanharan and throughout the county."

"But the Bench is unanimous in saying that she should have taken these people."

Mrs. Blandy Jenkins, seventy-two-year-old widow of a landowner and a well-known county woman who lives at Llanharan House, a country mansion in Glamorgan, was fined £50 and £2 2s. advocate's fee for refusing to comply with a compulsory billeting order to accommodate a mother and her three children, aged four years, two years and eight months.

Mr. Clifford Walter, prosecuting, said there were twelve people ordinarily living in this house.

"No Accommodation"

In June, Mrs. Blandy Jenkins refused to accept evacuees, but offered alternative accommodation which was unsatisfactory.

Last month the clerk to Cowbridge Rural Council wrote to her that accommodation had to be provided. By telegram she replied: "No accommodation in my house."

Further letters passed and on December 2, Miss Emily Rawley, chief billeting officer, visited Llanharan House with the mother and the three children.

She could not see Mrs. Blandy Jenkins, but saw a manservant and had to take the mother and children away.

Mr. C. J. Hardwicke, defended and pleaded guilty. He said Mrs. Jenkins's attitude was not so unreasonable as might at first appear. She offered the hall at Llanharan House, which would accommodate quite a number.

"She is getting on in years," he said, "and feels that her present house is not altogether suitable."

"She is ready, if the national requirements are such, to surrender the whole house for national purposes."

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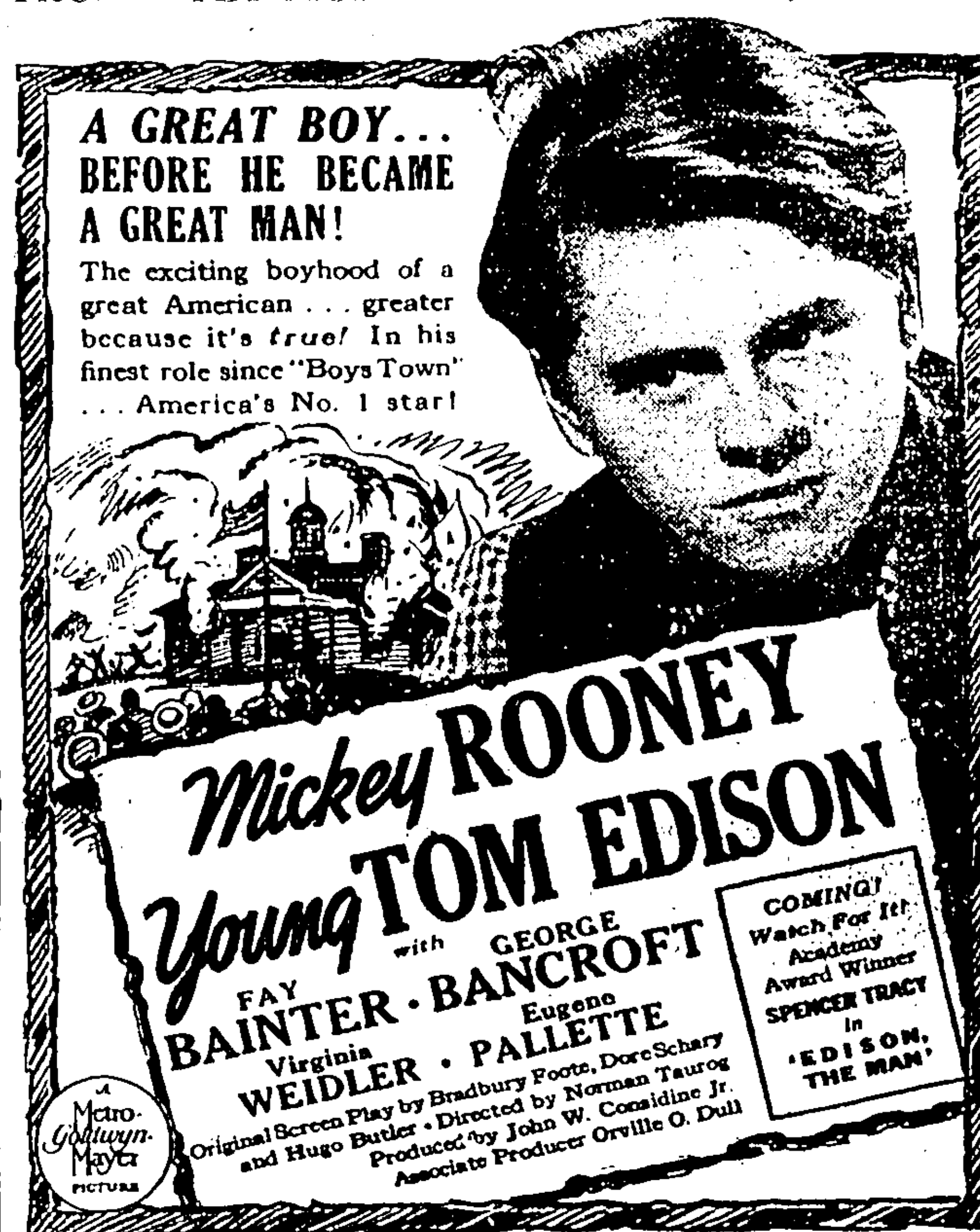
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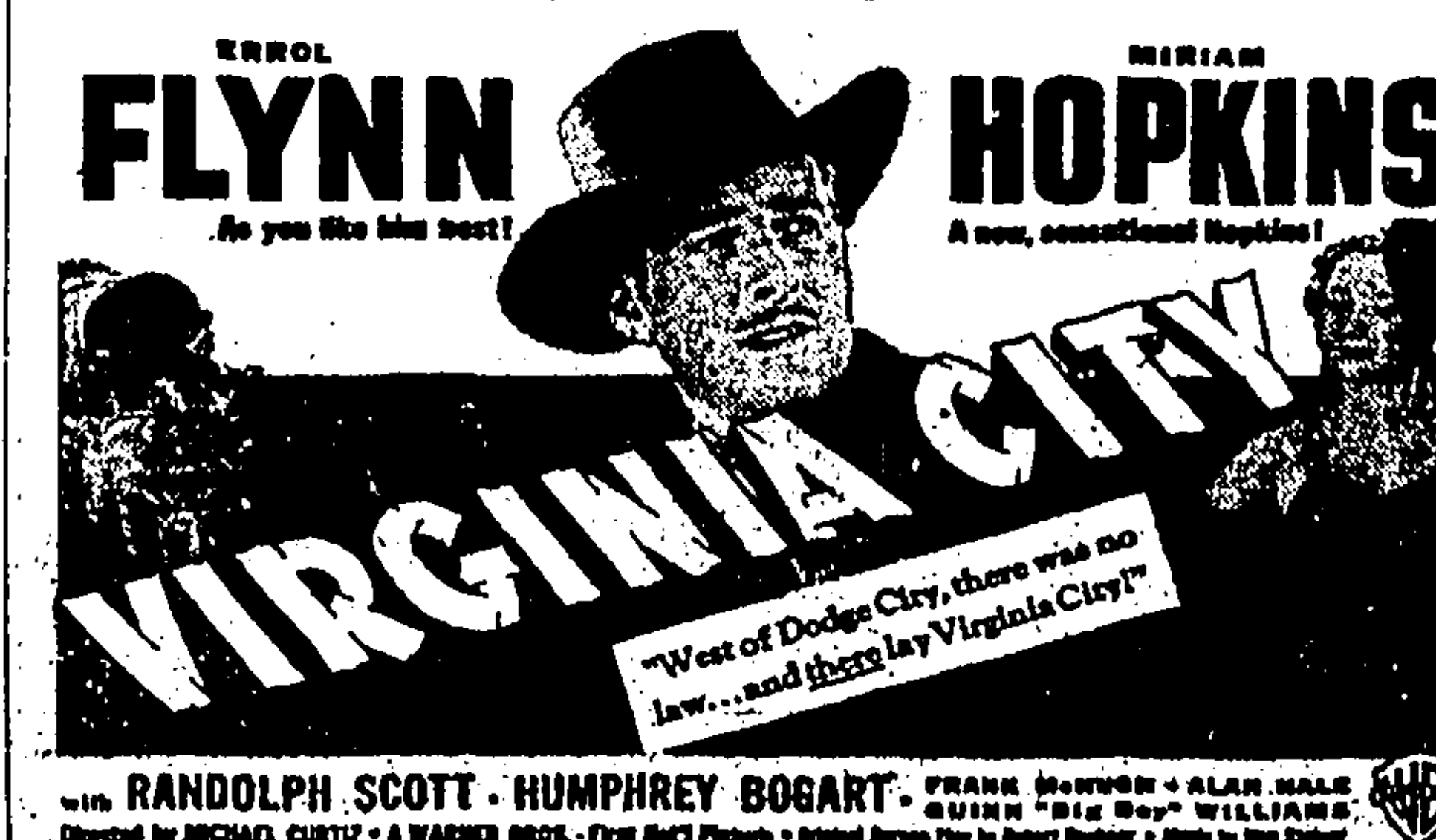
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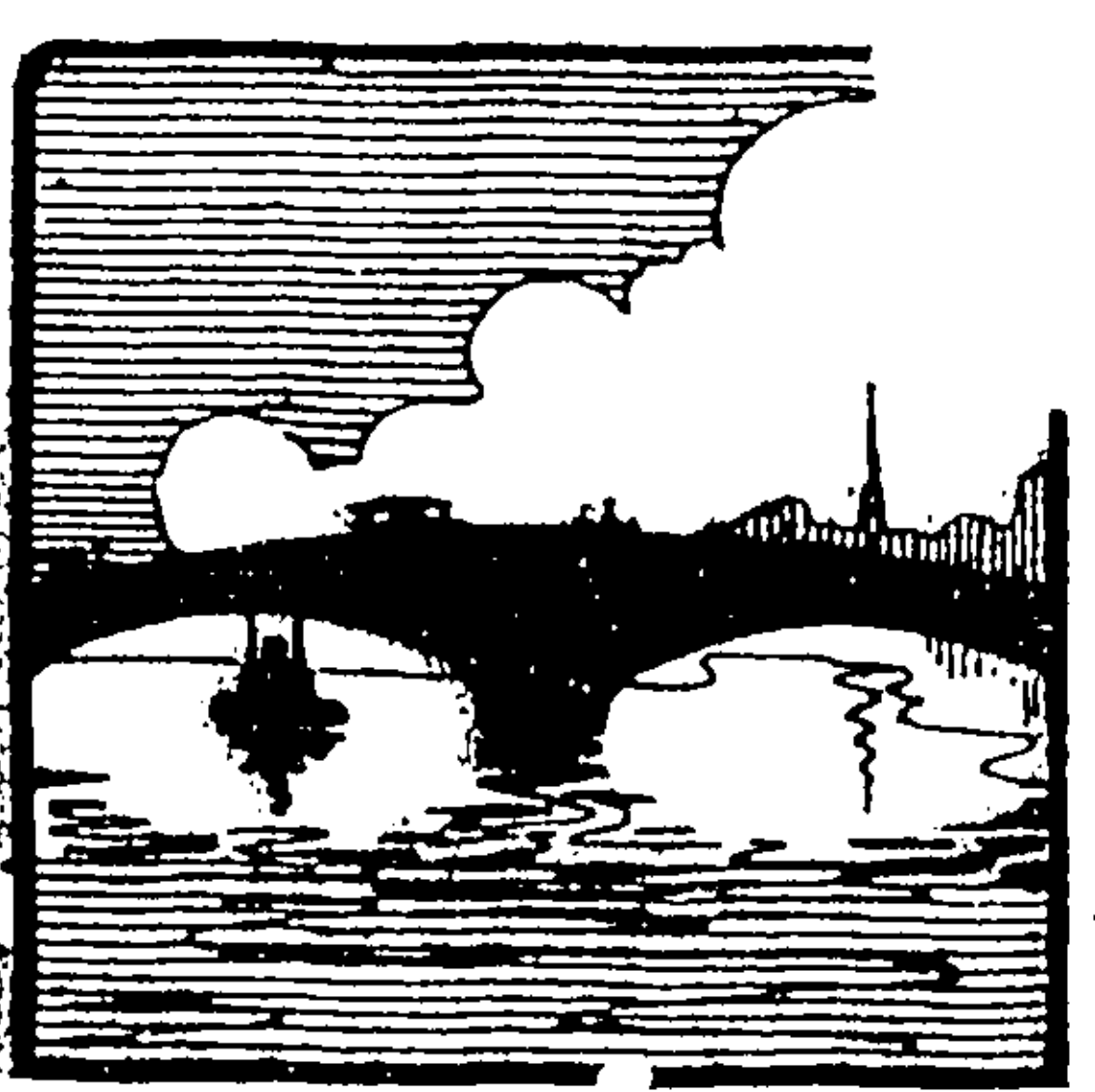
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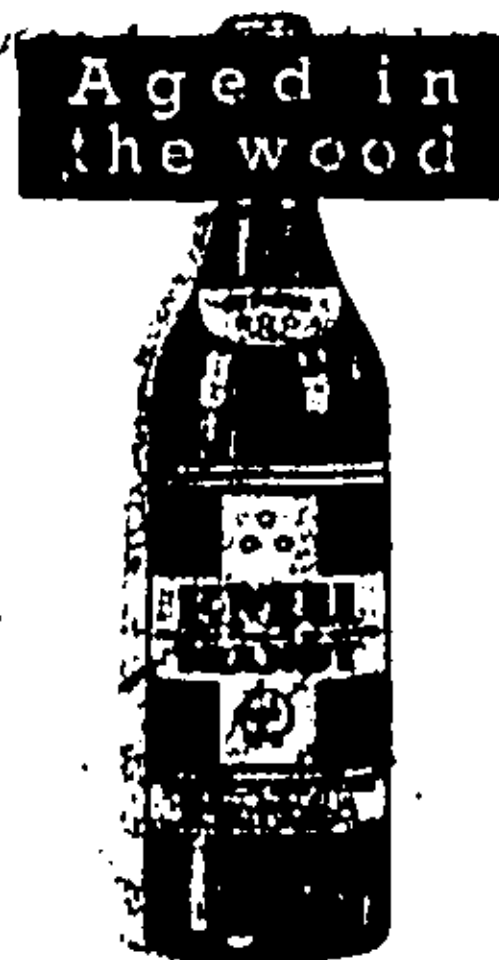
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ITALIAN ARMY WATCHES THE FLEET

ITALY TO-DAY IS IN A STRANGE FRAME OF MIND. THERE ARE SYMPTOMS OF UNREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. BUT IT CANNOT BE TOO STRONGLY EMPHASISED THAT UP TO A WEEK AGO THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THE IMMINENCE OF REVOLUTION.

To vast numbers of younger Italians the Duce is still almost a divine figure; vast numbers of older Italians have their doubts. Many are disturbed, humiliated, and defeatist, and their numbers grow daily, but this does not yet apply to the nation as a whole.

This preamble is necessary in order that too strong conclusions should not be drawn from the rather sensational facts to be recorded here.

There are in Italy to-day all the makings of a sudden revolution, possibly from the people, possibly from the Army. It may come at any time; but it may be averted for a long time yet.

Now to our story. Stationed somewhere on the outskirts of the Italian key ports of Brindisi, Palermo, Naples, Trieste, and the Island of Rodi there are contingents of specially picked infantrymen.

They have orders to remain quite apart from other troops. They have not been told specifically of their mission. Their equipment is better than that usually issued to Italian infantry, and they are in special camps provided with the best of everything.

In Case Of Mutiny

These men are Mussolini's special military police.

They have been stationed near naval bases in case of mutiny breaking out in the Italian Navy.

Starting in the submarine service, serious disaffection has developed in a number of sections of the Italian Fleet.

The disaffection was first revealed by incidents in Sicily.

The crews of two Italian submarines refused to go aboard their ship. The incident was hushed up and the men were immediately removed from the island.

Entire new crews arrived two days later.

At Brindisi some of the crew of a submarine shouted abuse about the war. They were arrested.

A high Italian naval officer revealed these incidents to a "Daily Mail" informant.

He said that morale generally in the Navy is low. He explained that many Italian naval officers belong to some of Italy's oldest families. They have never been able to swallow Fascist ideas.

When Mussolini's prestige was high they followed King Victor Emmanuel's example and kept their views to themselves.

The realised, as did the King, that to oppose Fascism then would have provoked civil war.

Now that things are going badly with Mussolini, many of them feel justified in moving against him.

Prisoners Of Britain

All high officers in the Italian Navy, once their confidence is gained, admit quite readily that they are practically the prisoners of the British Fleet.

They have followed with amazement the daily bulletins published by Fascist propagandists claiming the sinking of scores of British warships in the Mediterranean.

They know that these bulletins are completely false, and they openly express their contempt for them.

The low morale and disaffection are among the chief reasons for the Italian Fleet's policy of keeping in the background and refusing to come out and fight.

As an encouragement to the men serving in the Italian submarine service it has been decided to increase their pay allowance and all men in the submarines are promised jobs in the Italian Civil Service at the end of war.

These decisions have had little effect.

There is a strong impression that those special "police" Mussolini has stationed round Brindisi, Trieste, Naples, and Palermo, and in Rodi, will be needed one of these days.

The low morale and spirit of

unrest and general dissatisfaction are even more acute on the home front.

The Italian people are losing their faith in Mussolini and in themselves.

In Despair

Italy gives the impression of a nation on the verge of despair.

Italians, when they visit foreign friends at their hotels, particularly in Rome, furtively look up and down the corridors to make sure they are not followed, and then they willingly pour out their doubts, their criticisms, and their grumblings about the war.

They talk quite openly of the possibility of swift military defeat. And these people are men and women who barely a month ago were talking of swift victory.

There is now open criticism in Rome cafes of the Fascist regime. That has never happened before.

Waiters who once never mentioned politics comment to foreign guests: "It's looking very bad, isn't it?"

They are quite right.

In Italy the situation looks far worse than has been hinted at because of the bits of information which have leaked through the censorship and inspired articles in the Italian newspapers.

The situation is such that Mussolini can only hope to recover the prestige he enjoyed before the war either by a startling Italian success in the battlefield or some drastic political move.

There is the highest ground for the belief that he is seriously contemplating the latter.

His plan may involve the abdication of the aged King Victor Emmanuel, making him the scapegoat for the present situation, and the rounding-up of a number of so-called "lukewarm" military and political chiefs.

The word "lukewarm" here means those with lack of enthusiasm for Fascism.

Already some of these chiefs who are believed to be anticipating mass arrests are planning to flee the country.

Crown Prince

The position of Crown Prince Umberto, who is in command of an important section of the Army, in the event of his father's abdication is not made clear in high Italian political circles.

It is by no means considered certain that he would consent to be the tool of Mussolini in any political intrigue.

Mussolini is said to be only waiting for a comparative lull in military operations to get busy on the political front.

He must move quickly. Even Italians of the lowest intelligence have seen through the rather clumsy attempts of the Italian papers to gloss over the disasters in Egypt and Albania.

One man who has always been looked on as a staunch supporter of the regime — he got his important position because of the work he has done for the Fascist cause — dined with a "Daily Mail" informant and ate scarcely anything because of his extreme worry.

"It seems that the British Air Force are now establishing themselves, firmly in Crete and Corfu," he said.

"That means they are just on our doorstep."

He read extracts from a letter written by his brother, a factory-owner in Naples. The extracts described the R.A.F. bombing raids and said that air-raid precaution arrangements were extremely bad.

The mere fact that the raids had happened had deeply shocked everyone. They were totally unexpected.

People were convinced that the R.A.F. would never be able ser-

iously to bomb Italy.

Now that it has happened they regard it as proof that something is radically wrong with Mussolini's calculations.

There was real fear in the Fascist's voice as he discussed the comparatively few R.A.F. raids there had then been.

"The R.A.F. may start bombing us like the Germans and Italians are bombing England now," he said.

"That would be very serious. People aren't really ready for it here."

His words convey the general feeling of alarm about the nearness of R.A.F. bases to Italy.

But travellers in Italy cannot help being struck by the rather wish-washy attitude of the general public.

The impression is that they will have to be disciplined very severely before they will put up any bold front to really serious bombing.

They could never put up with the battering London has survived.

Their spirit, it seems, is not in the war.

Italy's civilian front appears to be the weak link.

The Italian people will be worrying about food and clothing this winter, but most of all they will be worrying about the Royal Air Force.

Second only to the problem of the weakness of the armed forces in Italy is the problem of the unrest among workers.

It is common knowledge throughout the country that there have been a series of demonstrations and attempted riots.

Genoa Strikes

In Genoa strikes occurred in a number of war factories not long ago.

Some workers sat down, folded their arms like the workers in France, and flatly refused to carry on.

One hundred and sixty-nine workmen were arrested. They were sent off to concentration camps after a brief trial.

Some Italian concentration camps are much worse than the German ones.

Officials are extremely brutal.

In Italy now, when someone is sentenced to imprisonment for demonstrating against the regime, the length of the sentence is never specified.

As in Germany, relatives of sentenced men never hear of the victims again.

In Turin, a group of working-class people parade the streets shouting "Down with war!"

Police fired on them. Six were killed.

In Trieste, 200 young men, alleged to belong to a "Socialist-Liberal" organisation, opposed to the Duce, were arrested in a store-house which they were alleged to be using as headquarters to plot against the Fascist regime.

Nothing has been heard of them since.

In Milan 50 workmen and four women were arrested following the discovery of anti-Mussolini signs on hoardings and on the walls of the city.

Bitterness In Capital

In Rome, the spirit in the capital is probably as bitterly against Mussolini as in many of the northern industrial towns.

There has been a general round-up of people recently on various fantastic charges.

It is a rule that when the radio is put on in cafes and the announcer reads the military communique everyone should stand.

People who carried on sitting down have been arrested and taken to the police station, where they have been made to stand for hours.

A number of Roman shopkeepers have been arrested for "sabotaging the ration organisation" by hoarding or supplying goods to their wealthy and refusing their poorer customers.

A few weeks ago, arrests for such offences were unknown in Rome.

They are now becoming more and more frequent.

It is believed they are being effected as a warning and in an attempt to single out those responsible for spreading pessimistic reports on the war.

But whatever steps are taken to control tongue-wagging and the general spirit of unrest, they will fall unless something very drastic happens soon.

There is friction in the air in Rome, friction and a sort of anxious expectancy.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

IN THE TOILS

It seems unlikely now that a German attempt to invade Greece will much longer be delayed. The desperate Italian counter-offensive on the central front coinciding with the presence in Albania of Signor Mussolini himself, suggests a final effort by Il Duce to restore his position and prestige without Nazi assistance. The complete failure of the attack, bringing to the Italians nothing but a ghastly toll of casualties, puts Mussolini more completely into the hands of Herr Hitler, and as the Greeks have declined to respond as it was hoped they would respond, to the Nazi war of nerves, the bluff of Germany in planting troops on the Bulgarian-Grecian frontier is called.

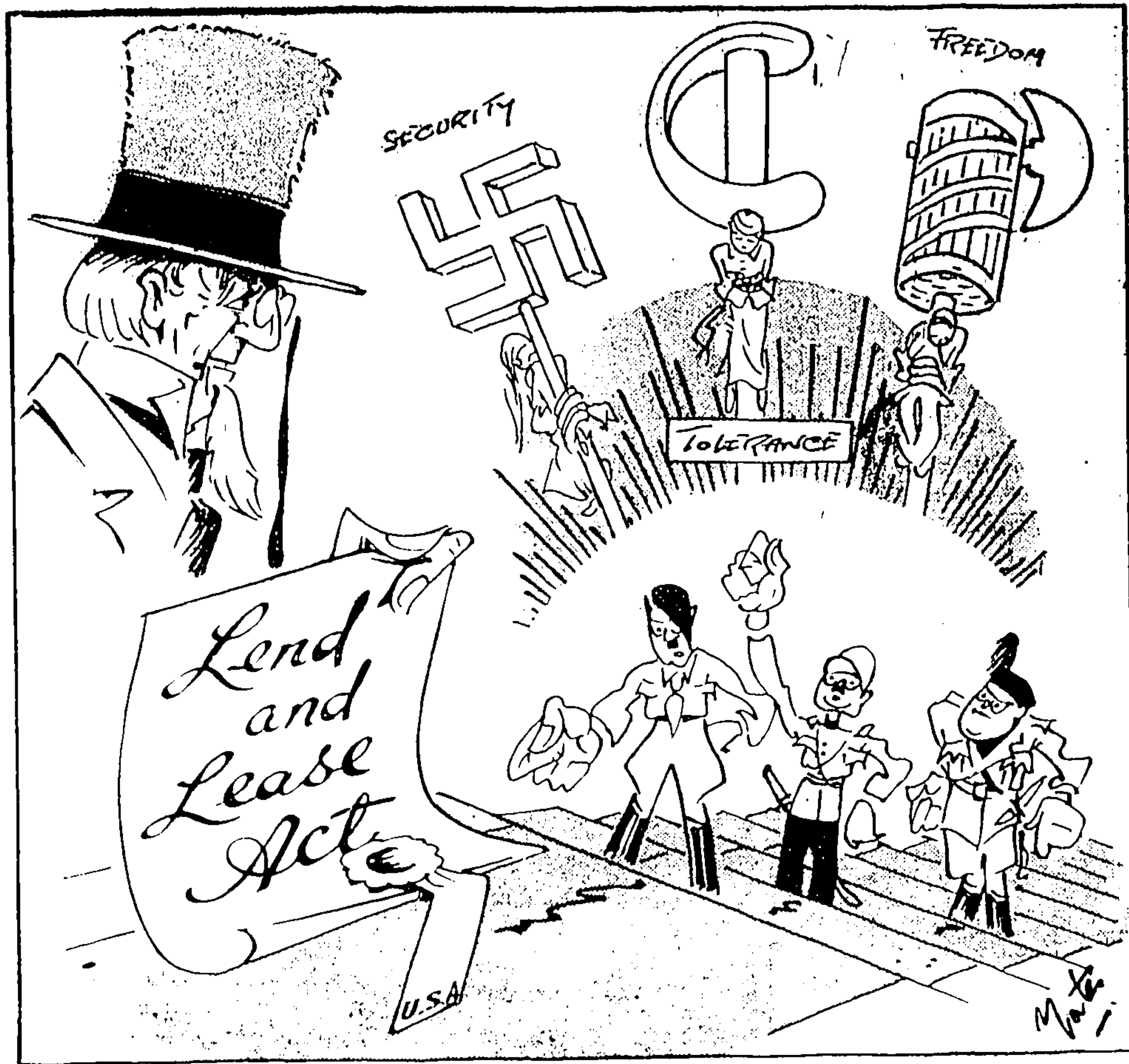
There is, nevertheless, ground for the belief that Hitler is far too late. He may succeed — the issue has not yet been put to the test—in overrunning Greece, but nothing now can restore Italy's prestige. Mussolini can never resume the status of partner in a victorious alliance. Events have caught up with the fable of Axis invincibility and Italy is now no more than a partner reduced to the level of a defeated France.

Nine months after entering a war which seemed to be all over, except for the division of the spoils, Mussolini, by a strange paradox, is now in about the same relation to Hitler as Marshal Petain or General Antonescu.

Bulgaria, Italy and France are to-day all prisoners of Germany's conquest of the Continent. Despite Il Duce's appeal to the Italians, urging that it will all come right in the end, the debacle in Africa and the ineptitude in Albania shatter any hope that, whatever the final result, Italy stands to gain anything out of the war.

Developments, indeed, give added interest to the recent conversations between General Franco and Mussolini and General Franco and Marshal Petain. It is becoming more and more obvious that Italy, France and Spain—the partner, the conquered and the neutral—are all in much the same boat. At some stage, under some leadership, they must all look in common for one outlet—a way of escape.

MAGNA CARTA FOR WORLD FREEDOMS



What HAVE We Done To Deserve This?

Encourage The Conquered

By
Harold J. Laski

On any showing, it is clear that Mussolini has been dealt two vital blows in Albania and Africa. And the degree to which his regime is a personal one, weak in its foundations, dependent for its endurance upon continued success, is shown by the results of those blows. First, he dismisses the chiefs of the fighting services; the blame for failure must rest anywhere but upon Mussolini himself. Then his journalistic thugs, Gayda and Farinacci, begin to blame the defeatist spirit of unarmed persons for what is a crisis in the regime itself. It is typical that they should ask for a purge. A dictator can never seek rational causes for failure; he must always attempt to blot it out by revenge.

It is too early to regard the combination of these victories as a decisive blow in the main campaign. We must not judge until we see what estimate Hitler places upon the necessity of Mussolini's survival, what steps, therefore, he is prepared to take in his support.

Still, the joint consequences of these events are profound. The prestige of the Axis powers has waned very seriously. They are not only seen to be vulnerable. It is inevitable that men should compare the fate of Rumania, which accepted Axis protection, with that of Greece, which rejected it. It is inevitable also that there should be a re-assessment in Spain, in Yugoslavia, of British power. Turkish confidence in Britain will be even more strengthened. The Soviet Union may recover some of its courage; too much of its policy has been motivated by a simple fear of Axis, particularly German, strength. I do not think it is even too much to say that the effect on France will be considerable, and upon French North Africa profound. Considerable upon the first because, at long last, there are signs of an awakening in France from the stupor of defeat, and a growing sense that its hopes of recovery depend on a British victory. Profound in the second because it will become obvious that Vichy enormously over-estimated Italian power.

On the more moderate estimate, I think it is safe to say two things. The Italian defeats in Europe and Africa, combined with the growing revelations of British strength, compel an Axis reassessment of its whole position. Because Dictators live by prestige, some striking measure will have to be concerted for its revival. If it is attempted, it will have to be undertaken by Hitler, since all Mussolini's energies are absorbed in trying to arrest disaster. On this basis, his reduction to the position of a very junior partner in the Axis is certain; for everyone knows that Hitler never gives something for nothing. And the more Mussolini is compelled to take, the greater will be his unpopularity with his own people. He has shown himself up at the first real test of his efficiency. He has been defeated at a stage where he held most of the main cards in his hands.

There is a real chance that the very existence of his regime may be in jeopardy in the next few months; and, no doubt, the impact of his failure on Hitler's own position will be important. But I think we must beware of exaggerating that impact. The German dictatorship differs from the Italian first because it is supremely well-organised, and, second, because it has great victories to its credit. I do not believe that these blows at Mussolini will begin yet to stimulate the latent forces of opposition to Hitler in Germany. These have shown no real signs in the last six years that they are effectively organised; and I am afraid it is unlikely that they will find the momentum of organisation until they are stimulated by the proof that Hitler can be defeated in a positive sense. We, here, of course, are convinced that he has lost the Battle of Britain, and I think we are entitled to our conviction. But I do not feel that this will act as an anti-Hitler dynamic.

until it begins, say this spring, to be clear to his own people. This period in my own view, is the vital period of the war.

But preparation for it is urgent. The more we can hammer at Mussolini, the more we can undermine his regime, the more we shall arouse hopes of liberation in the conquered countries of Europe; and the more we arouse these, the more difficult will be the task of their occupation. Sulen acquiescence can very quickly become active opposition once it is given the material of hope; and it is important that neither in Poland nor in Czechoslovakia, neither in Holland nor in Norway, has the "new European order" made any psychological headway. These brave people remain the basis of revolt against him once the possibilities of success appear actual; and nothing will do more to make organisation for those possibilities effective than the news that the legend of Axis infallibility has been shattered.

It is the lesson that the more just the great society, the more unbreakable are its foundations, and that just foundations depend upon the recognition that all men have an equal claim upon the common stock of welfare. Those who realise this have in their hands one of the supreme instruments of defence in the modern world. Those who can be accused of failing to realise it lay themselves open to an attack which, once its ethical and psychological implications are grasped, may be of disastrous proportions. The masses in Germany went to Hitler because he promised relief from unemployment and the recovery of their respect. He betrayed them in the second; he gave them the first only at the price of slavery and war. He made the workers of Great Britain see that his victory meant their slavery, and, for a period, they will accept our "religion of inequality" rather than yield to the menace he symbolises. But they know as never before that they are the architects of victory; and they will require social justice as their price for it. The sooner we begin to build it, the sooner we shall summon all Europe to the breaking of the Fascist yoke.

Now For Victory

A tremendous change has come over Britain. It has become a land of smiling faces. That strained look which is the sort of "morning after" sign of a night of air raids, has gone. No longer do you hear the people talk of their sorrows as they go to their work, or of the prospects of the night, as they go home in the evening. The talk now is of victory. Britain is walking out of the valley of the shadow of death into the dawn of a new day. Hope has given way to complete confidence. There is no doubt about the end now, in the minds of any men.

If you want to measure the real determination of the people, the place to see it is in one of the bombed towns. There you suddenly realise the quality that made the British Empire-builders. The harder you hit them, the tougher they become. You feel when you

By John Gordon

meet them as the King felt when talking to a man at Bristol, on the rubble heap that only a few hours before had been that man's home, he suddenly said to him, "Give me your hand. I glory in your pluck."

The women are just as marvelous as the men. On the same day, standing on the top of a nearby heap of ruins, which had also been a happy home, the King met and talked to a young woman, who had a nine weeks' old baby in her arms. That woman, her baby and three other children had been standing under the stairs of their home, when a bomb caused the complete collapse of the house. They were all dug out.

You might think that the shock would have upset her, that anxiety and the loss of her home would have depressed her. Not at all. When she stood talking to the King on the heap of ruins, she was as happy and cheerful as if the King had come to pay her a peace-time visit.

The effect of the King's visits to these bombed towns has been one of the most amazing things of the war. As soon as he arrives the flags come out and cheering crowds press round him. He goes through the town with no ceremony whatever, with no guards except a few air raid workers and a policeman. People press round him and shake his hand. They discuss their losses and they share their confidences with him. He has done a tremendous job without fuss, and without sparing himself. He has become one with his people, in a way that would never have been possible except for such a series of disasters. He has made monarchy worth while. In an age when thrones are toppling he has made his more secure than ever, broad-based not on authority, but on the affection of his people.

An air raid brings all sorts of problems. One of them that seems to affect the sentimental British people much more than even the loss of their homes, is the bombing out of their pet cats and dogs. A tremendous voluntary organisation works side by side with the Civil defence services to look after animals in air raids. It is the sort of organisation you can hardly imagine in any other country than Britain.

It has been discovered that the difference between a dog and a cat is that the dog runs as far away from the noise as he can get. Usually he runs until he drops exhausted. The cat, on the other hand, vanishes for a day then turns up again among the ruins. Because of this homing instinct, five times as many cats as dogs are recovered after a raid.

For human beings the problem of what to do when your house is destroyed is much more simple. All round the great towns now there are a ring of rest centres to which homeless people, both well-to-do and poor, are at once sent. They are given food, shelter and the opportunity to rest. Those who can afford to do so, mostly pass on to friends the next day. Those who have neither friends who can help, nor money to help themselves, are billeted out. Here and there one finds difficulties, as always they will be found, but they are few. Britain in fact is becoming not a nation but a family. If we can only sustain this spirit in peace as well as in war, a new chapter in world social history is opening.

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Mr. Churchill and Lord Birkenhead, for the first time in many days, laid aside their cigars. The Turkish Government hope that the Prime Minister may once again lay aside his cigar.

ANTI-BRITISH, BANNED

Because of anti-British articles, two numbers of the Swedish Nazi publication, "Dagens Echo," have been confiscated by the Swedish Government.—Reuter.

RANEE WORKS IN A SHOP

The Australian-born Ranee of Pudukota, a beautiful and wealthy widow and owner of three palaces, is working as a sales assistant in the made-to-order dress department of a New York store.

She has a large fortune in jewels in London which she cannot touch, and is working "in order to eat."

When she left London last June she was allowed to take only £10.

She told a reporter: "I just had to do something to keep groceries coming in, and now I rather like work."

"My son was in a car accident two years ago and I brought him here for treatment. I agreed to stay at least six months, and I shall return to England in March."

The Ranee met the Rajah, who died in 1928, when he went to Melbourne in 1915.

INDIANS BACK WAR EFFORT

Confidence in victory was voiced by the Indian National Liberal Federation at Calcutta (cables Reuter).

It called on the Indian people to support the prosecution of the war wholeheartedly.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad said that by supporting Britain, India would be obliging herself.

It was at the same time felt that the requisite effort on the part of India was not forthcoming in the absence of a change of policy towards India.

An "omnibus" resolution, moved by Mr. P. N. Saprta, was adopted.

It expressed the opinion that the Viceroy, in his declaration last August, virtually gave to the minorities the power of veto on constitutional progress.

It strongly protested against the distinction which it said was drawn by the Secretary of State, Mr. Amery, between the status of a Dominion and its functions.

It urged the immediate issue of an announcement that the status and functions of a Dominion be accorded to India within two years from the conclusion of the war; in the meantime the Government of India to be re-constructed by Convention so as to have a national character.

CITIZENS, ALL!

Convicts and prisoners in British jails are now nearly all engaged on work of national importance.

Reports received from prison governors indicate that they are pleased to be able to help their country in this way.

Moreover, they are getting wages for the work they do, which varies from gaol to gaol, according to the nature of the workshops.

FOR DAYS ON A BOMB

Tribute to the war-time heroism of Post Office repair engineers was paid in a radio talk by Colonel A. S. Angwin, Post Office engineer-in-chief.

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INDIAN ARMY HELPED ROUT ITALIANS

AS THE CABLES at the time briefly indicated, the broadcast given from Delhi on February 9 by the new Commander-in-Chief in India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, paid tribute to the exploits of the Indian Troops in Libya and His Excellency furthermore made important references to the relation of the Indian Army with India herself.

The full text of his speech has now been received by air mail and as the latter half of it deals specially with India, it is reproduced here as of special interest to the Far East where Indian Troops are also serving.

After giving a vivid account of his experiences in Norway and in England in training the new armies, General Auchinleck said: "A few weeks ago I was told to come back to India to take up the post of Commander-in-Chief, the highest honour that can be paid by His Majesty to an officer of the Indian Army. I need hardly say how deeply I appreciated this privilege, though I must admit that I left my post in England with the greatest regret. "On my way to India I had the good fortune to see a good deal of our military effort in West Africa and was very much impressed by the tremendous amount of progress being made there. African tribesmen from the great forests and plains of Nigeria and other territories are being turned into soldiers, and very good soldiers too, at an astonishing speed.

"The same applied to Central Africa and the Sudan. Wherever I went everyone had one object and one only—to spare no effort to produce armed men to defeat the enemy. Cooperating with our troops are the Free French forces which have already attacked Italian posts in Southern Libya. I met French officers of Spahis fighting side by side with our Indian soldiers on the borders of Abyssinia.

At Sidi Barrani

"In the Eastern Sudan I was privileged to see a number of our Indian units, some of which had already fought at Sidi Barrani and others which had come direct from India. The Italians had not then withdrawn from Kassala and their other advanced posts, and our men, inferior in strength to the enemy, were strung out over an immense front awaiting reinforcements before beginning their attack.

"In spite of their relative weakness in numbers, they and the Sudan Defence Force, which has greatly distinguished itself, were in complete control of No-Man's Land, having entirely deprived the Italians of their initiative.

"I can say at once that, although I have served continuously with Indian troops for over 38 years, I have never seen Indian units which looked happier, fitter or more on their toes. I saw men of many classes and it was the same everywhere.

"The British units, of whom there are many with the force, seemed to me, in the light of my considerable experience with British troops at home, to be of the very best, tough, and fit, and adapting themselves to the conditions of that wild country—as only British soldiers can. The combination of the two services seemed to me about as perfect as it could be.

"I came away with the most comforting and gratifying sense of efficiency, purpose and determination. Conditions are of course often uncomfortable and the work is hard and strenuous, but a soldier expects this. The men are well fed, well clothed, and excellently looked after.

"There is no doubt that in the Sudan we have a modern army excellently commanded and led, trained to war under modern conditions, very well able to look after itself in all circumstances, and ready to give much harder blows than it will receive.

"I was able to visit also Indian reinforcement camps in Egypt and Indian units guarding the Suez Canal and other important points in the rearward areas. Here, too, I found the same state of cheerfulness and

efficiency in spite of the less interesting nature of the work.

Fresh Honours

"Even at this moment they are winning fresh battle honours for their colours. On the eve of the latest brilliant victory in Libya I received the following message from General Wavell: 'Indian troops were amongst the early reinforcements to arrive in Egypt and have been maintaining the defence of that country over since.

"This long period of defence was rewarded by their participation in the battle of Sidi Barrani, in which the magnificent work of the Indian troops enhanced the already high reputation they had previously held. Since then Indian troops have taken part in several important actions in the Sudan, culminating in the most brilliant pursuit from Kassala to Keren. In this action the Indian troops have performed extremely good work in most difficult conditions."

"The fact that our British-Indian troops took a leading part in the victory of Sidi Barrani, the battle which started the Italian rout in Libya, cannot fail to make us here in India tremendously proud of them. They have won golden opinions everywhere and it is for us to see that the troops which follow them overseas shall lack for nothing that they need to enable them to keep the same high standard.

"I welcome this chance of telling all our troops in Egypt and the Sudan how very pleased I was to be able to see something of them under active service conditions, how grateful I am to them for their welcome to me and how intensely proud I am of them.

"I wish I could have stayed with them, but I hope it will not be long before I am able to visit them again. As I said before, the driving of the Italians out of Africa is a most important step towards winning the war and it is good to think that India is playing a major part in this effort.

"Here in this country we can best honour the gallantry and devotion of our Indian soldiers overseas by doing everything we can to help to win that complete victory which alone will restore peace and security. To-day Indian troops in North Africa are fighting side by side with British, Australian, New Zealand, South African and Free French forces to destroy once and for all the threat to bring war to the shores of India from North Africa.

Threefold Duty

"Our duty to them is threefold. We must ensure that their efforts are not rendered in vain by any failures on our part to make this country, that is this great country of India, secure against direct attack from any direction. We must place ourselves in a position to give our men actually facing the enemy in the field the greatest possible assistance and support of which we are capable, in the form of trained reinforcements and supplies.

"We must also—and here I would particularly appeal to those who, for one reason or another, may not be able to take a direct part in the immense military and industrial effort on which India has embarked with such striking results—provide our men overseas with all the comforts and amenities we can to

lighten the hardships they are enduring so cheerfully.

Devotion To Duty

"Equally important to their comfort and peace of mind is the assurance that those they have left behind them are being watched over and that their homes are secure. Both individually and collectively we can, by giving practical demonstration of our pride in the deeds of our own soldiers and sailors, help them to maintain their magnificent spirit.

"There has, perhaps, been a tendency in the past to regard India's armed forces as being something apart from and of no concern to the rest of the people. I hope that that day has passed. Nothing, I suggest, can be more stimulating to understanding and mutual respect throughout India than that the people of this country, whatever their political opinions may be on other issues, should unite in showing their pride and affection for the men of the Indian Army, Royal Indian Navy and Indian Air Force. Their devotion to duty is unstinted; let our confidence in them be as complete.

"Let us not forget above all that those who are performing the duties allotted to them in less striking tasks behind the battle fronts and in this country are making just as important a contribution to success as those actually face to face with the enemy.

"Everything goes to suggest that this present year will be a most critical one. The blows we withstood in 1940 were tremendous—we had our backs to the wall. In 1941 our enemies may have to make their supreme effort in an attempt to prevent the tables being turned on them.

"They undoubtedly know this as well as we do and will spare no effort and shrink from no expense to crush us. Although it seems as if the United Kingdom is likely to have to bear the brunt of this gigantic assault, no one can foretell from what other directions attack may come in an attempt to stop once and for all the rapidly growing collective power of the Empire.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE.—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager,
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

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CROSSED SIGNALS

By The Four Aces

The situation shown in to-day's hand is rather a common one, yet many players get their signals crossed as did East and West.

East, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ K Q J 8
♣ K 10 8

♠ Q 8 4 2
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 5 3

♠ A 6
♥ K J 10 5
♦ 7 4
♣ A 9 6 4 2

♠ K J 7 5
♥ 8 4
♦ A 10 9 6 3
♣ J 7

The bidding:

| East | South | West | North |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♣ | 1♥ | 2♣ | 2♥ |
| 2♥ | Pass | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |

West led the three of clubs, dummy played the eight, East hopefully covered with the nine, and South won with the club Jack. Without even pausing to draw trumps, South returned the seven of clubs, finessing dummy's ten.

East took the club Ace and found himself unable to decide on the correct continuation. West's free club raise located either the spade King or heart Ace in his hand, but which? In order to find out, East laid down the spade Ace. If West had the spade King, East reasoned, he would signal encouragement; then East could ruff the third round of spades and wait for a heart trick to develop.

But West was asleep at the switch. Obviously South was trying to get a discard on dummy's club King; and just as obviously there was no way to prevent him from discarding a spade — if that would do him any good. But West's heart Ace and his partner's heart bid made it clear that a speedy shift to hearts could prevent a heart discard. Therefore West should have played the discouraging deuce of spades to induce a shift to hearts.

Instead West signalled for a spade continuation by playing the

eight of spades. That gave South the hand, for he took the spade continuation with his King, drew trumps, and discarded a heart on the King of Clubs. He then cheerfully conceded a spade and one heart, making his contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 8
♣ J 4

The bidding:

| Dealer | You | Jacoby | Schenken |
|--------|-----|--------|----------|
| 3♥ | (?) | | |

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Even if your partner has nothing, your hand should produce at least five spade tricks and a heart or two, so no great harm can develop from your overcall. The three spades show the nature of your hand more precisely than a double would.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for double.

Question No. 664

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 9 6
♥ K J 4 2
♦ 3
♣ A J 4

The bidding:

| Dealer | You | Jacoby | Burnstone |
|--------|-----|--------|-----------|
| 3♥ | (?) | | |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

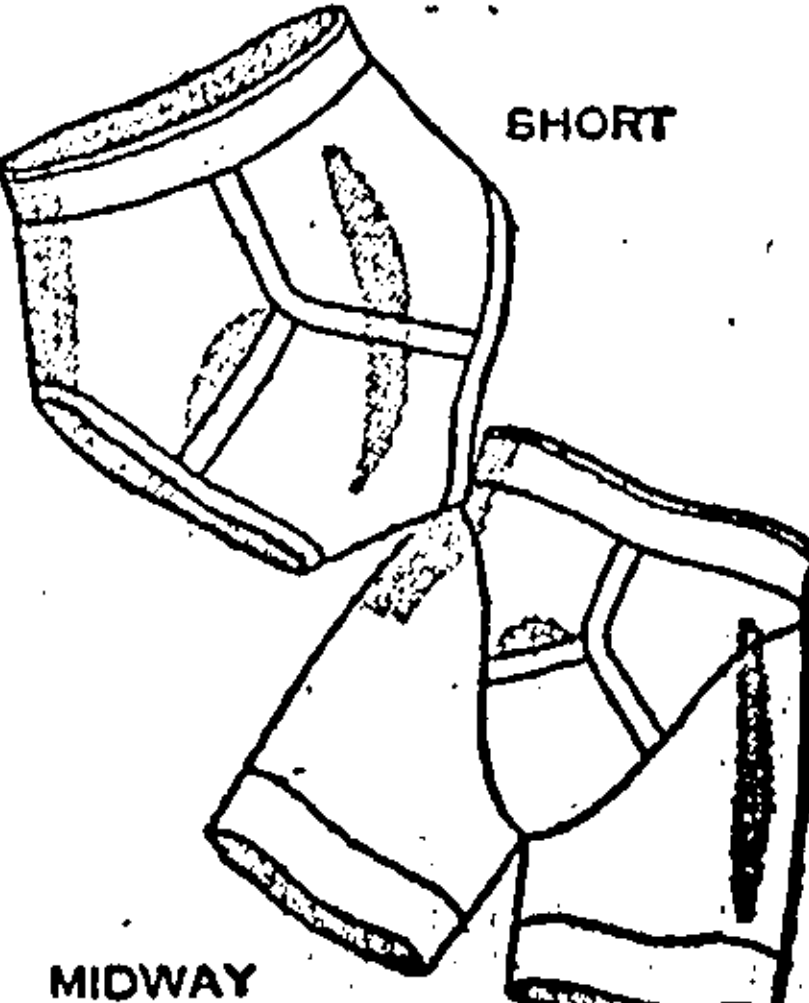
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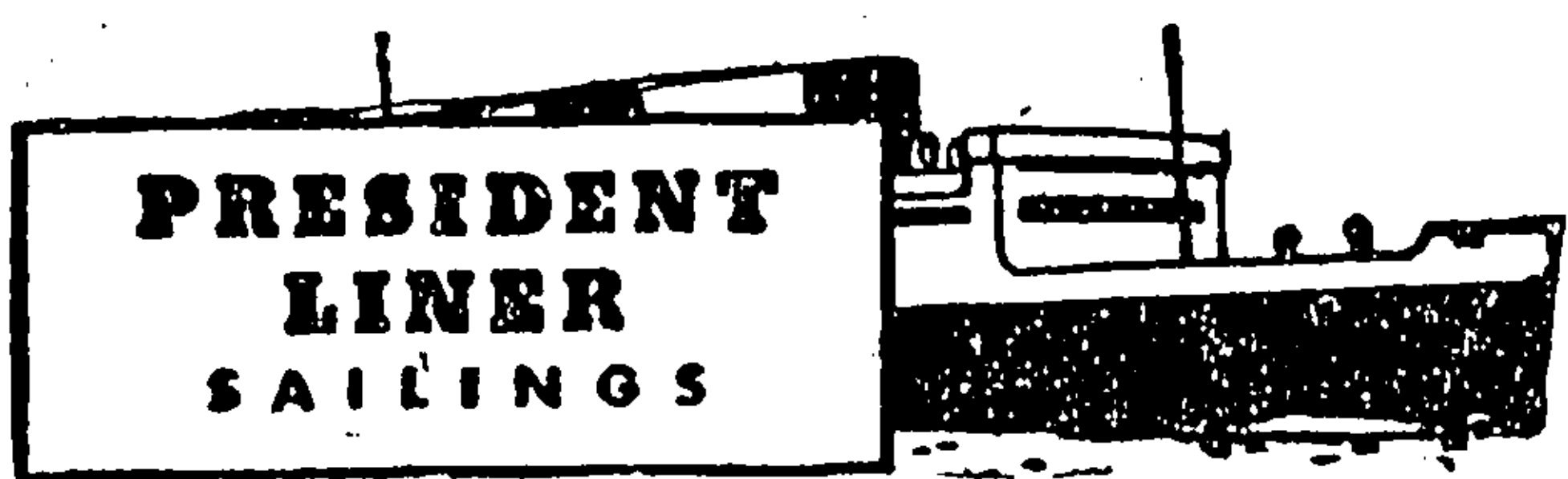
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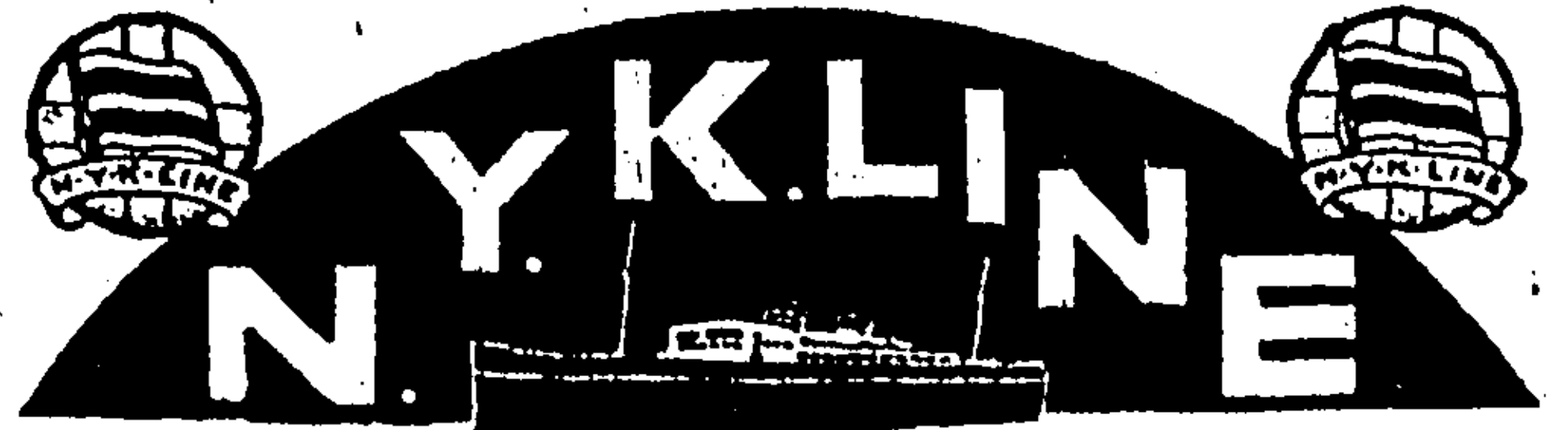
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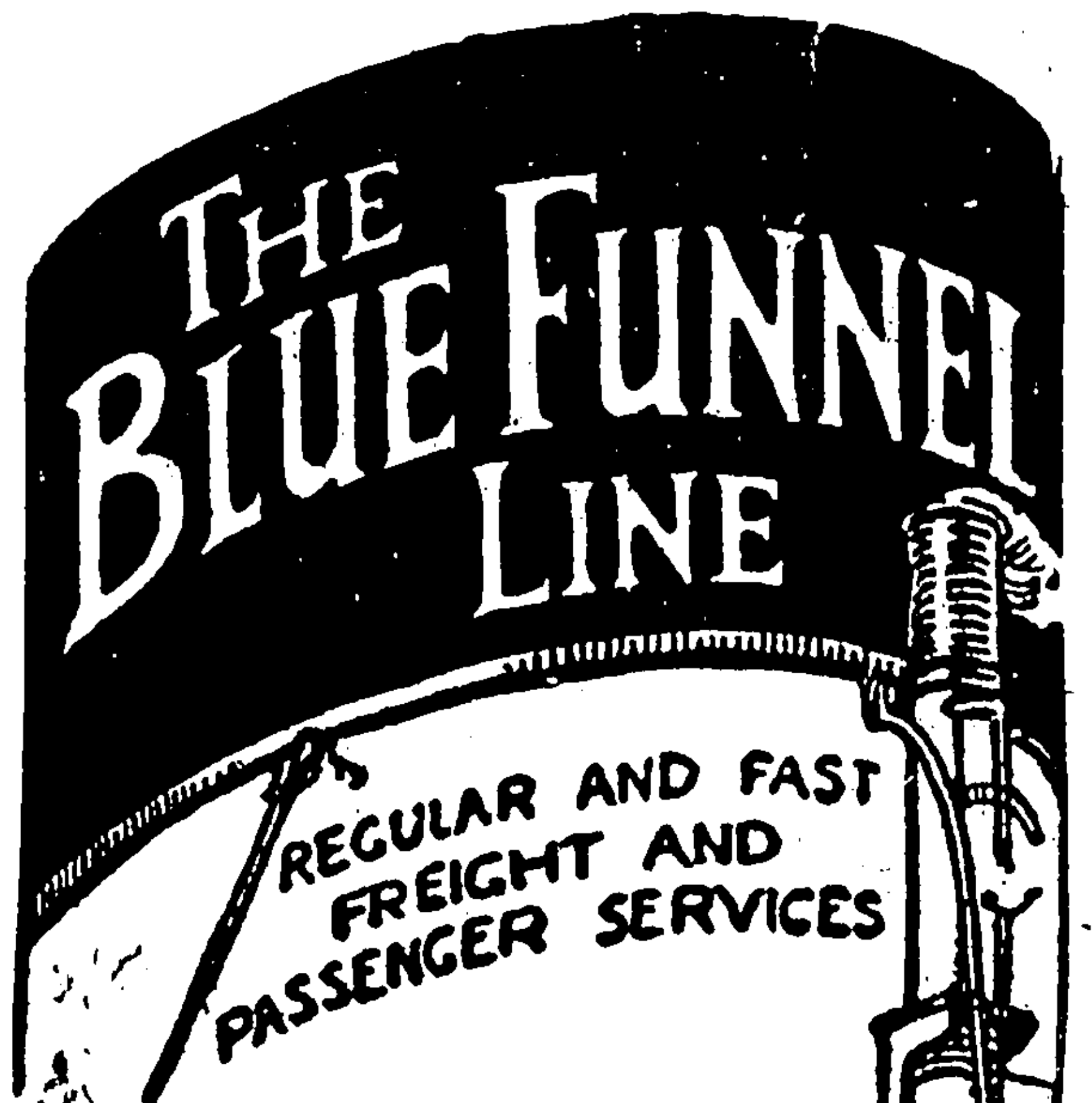
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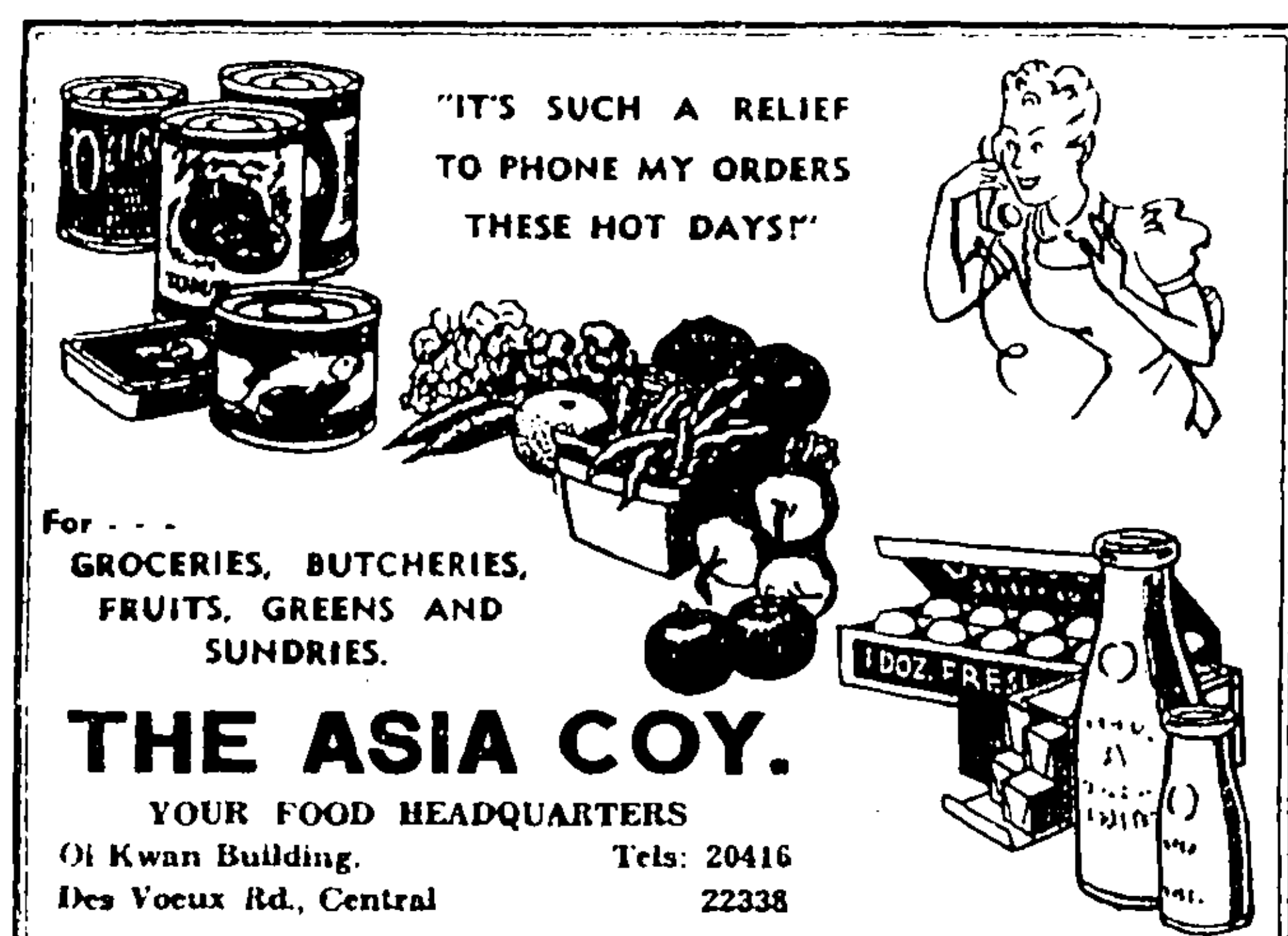
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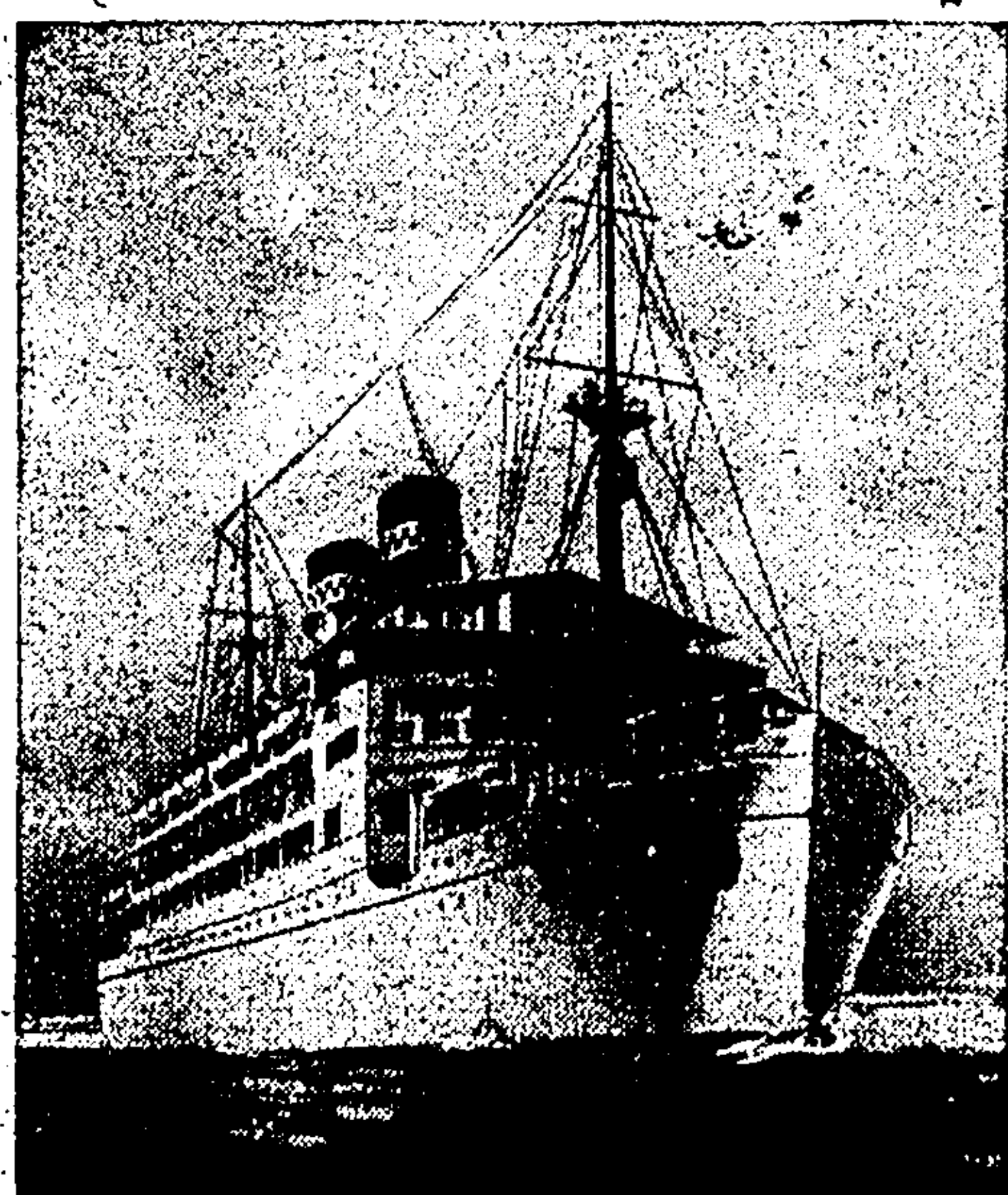
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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

A PARTICULARLY brilliant score was compiled by C. W. Engle of the U.S.S. Tulsa on February 27, his effort being 253 at Ten Pins, which ties Cpl. J. H. Watts' 258 for the highest score for the month, made on February 13.

Engle's score-sheet shows that he started off with three strikes in a row, a spare on his fourth, then five more strikes in succession, a spare on his 10th frame and a strike with the extra ball. Undoubtedly it was good bowling.

Several good matches were played off in the Singles Handicap Competition since my last jotting—the competition is in the semi-final stage.

Corp. Watts, of the Royal Signals, played W. D. Gardner on February 27, and, as was expected, won very comfortably by 85 pins, despite the heavy handicap. Watts' handicap was plus 20 and Gardner's plus 50.

The scores were:—Cpl. J. H. Watts 528 and Gardner 443.

Watts played with his usual ability and never seemed to worry much about the 90 pins he had to give away, but Gardner was not comfortable and bowled much below his usual form.

Unusual Match

There was rather an unusual match played in the third round of the Singles Handicap Competition, on March 11, between L/Cpl. H. B. Wilkins of Royal Corps of Signals and Jack Odell. I say it was unusual because Wilkins trounced Odell by no less than 154 pins, when it was expected that it would be a very tight game.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Odell's plus 33, and the scores were:—Wilkins 552 and Odell 398.

Wilkins bowled consistently well, and his 214 in his second game completed the debacle of Odell.

Odell was right off but I understand that he has been very busy of late with Volunteer Camps.

The U.S.S. Gold Star arrived at the end of February, coinciding with a visit of the U.S.S. Tulsa, so a return match was arranged to be played on March 1—the previous match was played when the two ships happened to be in port on January 13, Gold Star winning on that occasion by 75 pins.

In the return match, Tulsa made no mistake, winning convincingly by no less than 323 pins, the scores being:—Tulsa 3141 and Gold Star 2818.

Star Bowler

Peterson of Tulsa was star bowler of the match with a useful 839, while Niehoff also of Tulsa, was second highest scorer with 821.

Shanty Moore of Tulsa, who was third with 785, would have done much better if he had not been so erratic. With a good 190 in his first game, he fell down to 108 in his second, 129 in his third, 153 in his fourth, and then a burst to finish with 305, the highest individual score of the match.

Feature of this match was the fact that there were only two scores of 200 or over registered. Moore notched 205 in his fifth game, and Peterson 202 in his first.

Skiver's Success

R. E. Skiver, of U.S.S. Mindanao, made no mistake in beating E. H. Brazel in the Third Round of the Singles Handicap Competition on March 3; he won comfortably by 75 pins. Skiver's handicap was plus 33 and Brazel's plus 46 and the scores were:—Skiver 430 and Brazel 355.

There was rather a surprise when C. M. Williams beat Signalman A. Cleggett in the fourth Round of the Singles Handicap Competition on the same day. Williams won by no less than 74 pins when it was expected that Cleggett would win the encounter.

Williams' handicap was plus 43 and Cleggett's plus 26. The scores were:—Williams 500 and Cleggett 426.

C. I. Sepitsky play A. W. Muenger in the Third Round of the same competition on March 6, this being the last match to be played in this round. Sepitsky's handicap was plus 43 and Muenger plus 36, and the scores were:—C. I. Sepitsky 311 and Muenger 308.

These were not good scores for players who had reached the third round. Actually, the highest score—a mere 110—was made by Muenger. Both players were right off form.

Still Winning

Master Gunner Cooper beat L/Cpl. H. B. Wilkins in the Fourth Round on March 7.

It was a very close call for he just managed to scrape home by the narrow margin of 10 pins. Cooper's handicap was plus 43 and Wilkins' plus 30. Scores:—Cooper 482 and Wilkins 472.

Cooper will now meet Williams in the semi-final.

The other semi-finalists are Cpl. Watts and Sepitsky.

The records for the month of February were as follows—

TEN PINS

Ladies'

Mrs. A. Morton 173

Men's

Cpl. Watts 253

C. W. Engle 239

DUCK PINS

Men's

A. Cleggett 149

HOOI WINS FIRST MATCH

Following are the results of the opening matches of the Badminton championships.

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. L. Anderson beat H. Weng-toh 15—10; 18—15, (5—2).

SENIOR SINGLES

P. K. Hooi beat S. Amplavanar 15—5, 15—7.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo 18—16 (5—3), 12—15, 15—8.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—
AT CLUB DE RECREIO

Men's Senior Singles

C. Au v. H. C. Eardley. (7 p.m.)

Men's Junior Doubles

F. Kwok and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang. (7.45 p.m.)

R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v. M. Talan and H. Odell. (8.30 p.m.)

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey on the "Y" ground on Saturday:

1st XI v Khalsa (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell; Taylor, Yourieff; Jordan, Coombes, Waldron; Spencelayh, Morgan, Hitchcock, Ure, Dunne.

2nd XI v "A" Navy XI (3 p.m.):—Cleggett; Railton, Saxby; Smits, Tomlinson, Gorman; Macy, Olsen, Dormer, Fancey, Banks.

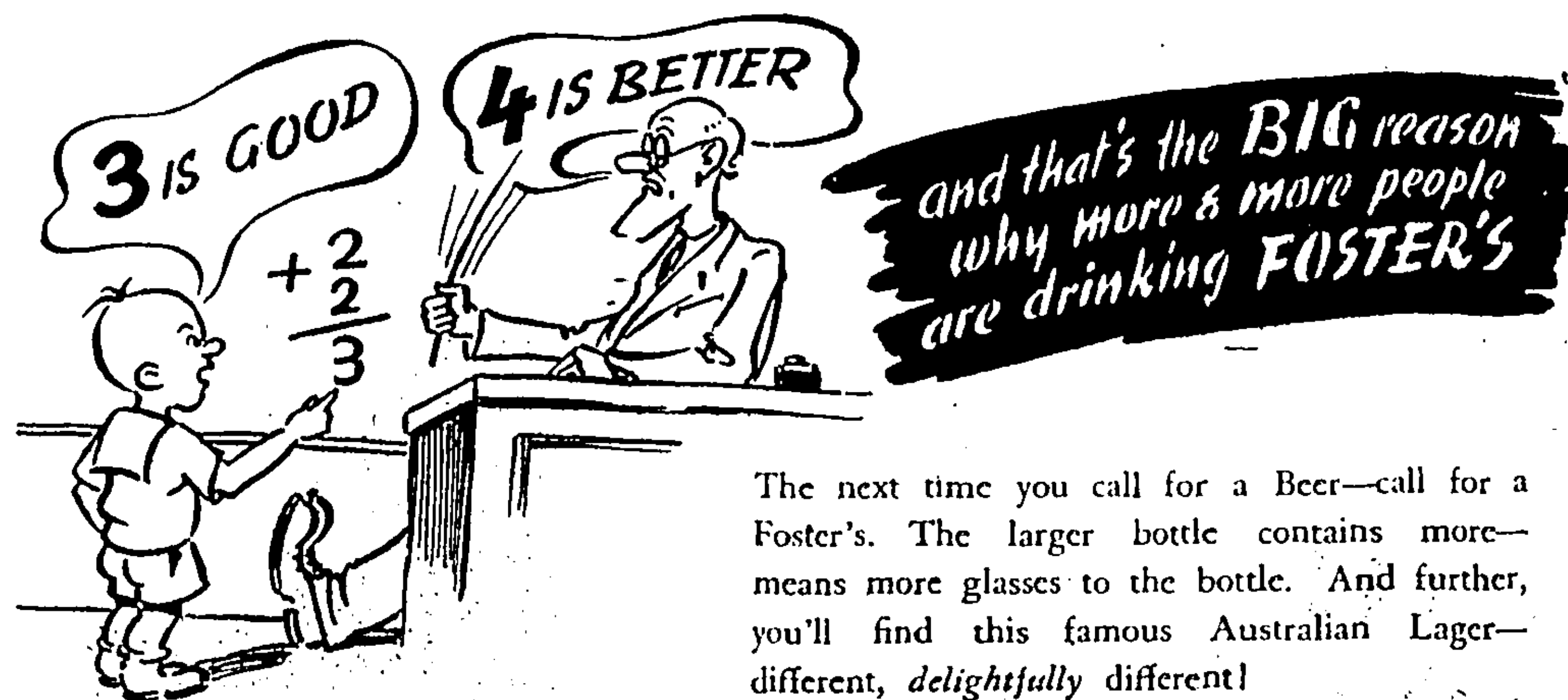


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PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

BLACK SEAL AND VENUS BAY FOR THE "DAILY DOUBLE"

"By Rapier"

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING WILL BE STAGED AT THE VALLEY TO-MORROW AND SHOULD ATTRACT A GOOD ATTENDANCE. THE FIRST SADDLING BELL WILL BE RUNG AT 1.30 P.M., THE PROGRAMME CONSISTING OF NINE EVENTS, THE MAJORITY OF THESE BEING SPECIALLY RESERVED FOR PONIES THAT HAVE NOT WON A RACE DURING THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

The grass track, which was affected by rain recently, has improved considerably during the last two days, but I doubt whether there will be any major upsets, though there is always the possibility of favourites being beaten when least expected.

All the visiting jockeys have returned North, so that to-morrow's meeting will mark the resumption of local rivalry. Mr. Black has been most successful so far, and, together with Mr. Needa, should command the most support. I have been given to understand that Mr. P. Y. T. Wei will be in charge of Cere's ponies as they are not being sent back to Shanghai this year.

RANDWICK PLATE (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The programme opens with a race for Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not scored a win since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting.

Jus Gentium (Mr. Black) is the obvious choice for a win here in view of its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions.

I consider Vitamin M to be the only pony among the entries that may be able to make a strong challenge. Seal River (Mr. Hearne) or Snow White (Mr. Pih) might, with a little luck, take one of the minor places.

LOITERERS STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

New Griffins that have not won a race will try conclusions here, and Charlesber, although it disappointed badly on its last outing when it was beaten by Sam's Choice by a short head in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, should be strongly supported. Personally I rather fancy its chances.

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei) which was third to Charlesber in the race referred to above, is dangerous as it can move pretty fast though lacking in stamina. However, if Mr. Wei is able to hold the pony back until the last quarter, it may yet spring a surprise.

Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Tao) should not have any difficulty in securing the third place.

For those who are habitually on the lookout for an outsider, I suggest Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); this pony seems to be improving, judging by its morning gallops.

RANDWICK PLATE (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

Second section of non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins of 1941 will figure in this race, and, judging by results, I expect the finish to resolve into a battle between the following:—

Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao); Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho); Daylight (Mr. Wei); Hole In One (Mr. Hearne); and, Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chang). Corsair came in third in the Flemington Plate (First Section) over the mile, and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Bona Vacantia, which did extremely well in the first section of the Perth Plate, when it came in second to Moonlight.

Daylight, with a change of jockey in Mr. Wei, is expected to be near at the finish, while Sydney Diamond, which was a disappointment during the Carnival, but has yet to show its true form, is a possible for a win to-morrow.

Hole In One was well thought of during morning gallops before the Annual Race Meeting, but after running unplaced in the Australian Valley Stakes, it never started again for the remainder of the meeting. If it strips to-morrow, it is quite capable of extending the above-named ponies.

MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is confined to "B" Class, Australian Subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy) for its second placing to Brutus in the Ladies' Purse has been penalised 5 lb., which I think is not too severe a handicap.

However, the distance is only a mile and I fancy it to win.

Connieker (Mr. Chao), for its third placing to Springhurst, is up by a pound and it will probably take second place.

Devonian (Mr. Black), ran poorly in the Ladies' Purse. It led the field until the Football Stands for the second time round and then faded out of the picture. In view of its light weight, however, coupled with the shorter distance to-morrow, I think it has a grand opportunity of reversing its defeat at the hands of the above two ponies.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Treverton) was only a short head behind Springhurst, the second pony in the Bendigo Handicap, from the two mile post, and for that reason it can be relied upon to give a good account of itself in this race.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is another likely challenger which may conceivably cause an upset here.

Everything considered, I think Springhurst should win with Connieker second and Vixen Tor third, leaving Devonian the pony to cause

the upset—if there should be one at all.

RANDWICK PLATE (THIRD SECTION): ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to third section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not won a race at the Annual Race Meeting.

From the entries I recommend Black Seal, which will be taken out by Mr. Needa, as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down among prospective winners.

Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but among this field I think it should win.

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang), which was third in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over this distance, should fill second place, with Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan) taking the other place. Strathalbyn (Mr. Black) and Harmony Star (Mr. P. P. Botelho) are promising outsiders.

MELBOURNE CUP: TWO MILES

Australian ponies of past and present seasons that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941 will compete in this event, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between the following ponies:—

Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa); Viceroy (Mr. Black); First Love (Mr. Liang); Fleetwing (Mr. Poy); and, Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis).

Baffin Bay will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and, on form, should have no difficulty in winning.

Viceroy won the Kara Kara Handicap on the third day of the Annual Meeting, and it should fill second place, while for third place it should be a fight between First Love and Marsh Warbler.



For an outsider, I recommend Fleetwing.

BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "C" Class, Australian Subscription Ponies.

Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), is undoubtedly the best and has accordingly been allotted top weight. In view of its performance in the Benarba Handicap (Two Miles), when it came in second to Centre Court carrying the same weight, and as the distance is only a mile, I reckon that if it is allowed to make the running from the start, instead of being held for a spectacular last-quarter rush, it should have little difficulty in winning for the first time this year.

The pony to watch, however, is Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) which should give Venus Bay a keen fight.

There is also Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) to be considered as this pony is good enough to extend the above two ponies.

My choice is Venus Bay to win, with Cheerful Star second and Shuttlecock third.

RANDWICK PLATE (FOURTH SECTION): ONE MILE

Fourth Section of 1941 non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins will fight out the issue in this race and from their performances during the Carnival I should not be far wrong in suggesting A Rosy Time (Mr. Black), which was second in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over the mile, as the likely winner.

However, there is Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne) to be reckoned with as this pony ran a good second in the Blue Mountains Plate (Second Section) over this distance, and Optima Fide (Mr. Chao), which is also good enough to win. Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should also be in the picture in the final run home.

OAKLEIGH PLATE: ONE MILE

This is the final event of the day, for Australian Ponies, griffins of this season that have not won.

Looking over the entries, Oracle (Mr. Needa) appears the logical choice for a win in view of its second placing in the Austral Racing Stakes to Colooma, while Prairie View (Mr. Pih), which came in second to A Luxurious

Time in the Caulfield Stakes, should have no difficulty in taking second place.

Mr. Chao has the choice between Nomine Poenae and Vis Major in this race and if he decides to take the latter it should be well up at the finish.

King's Welcome has been a disappointment thus far but may do well to-morrow when least expected. My choices for first three are Oracle, Prairie View and Vis Major.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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FANLING RACING

Following are the entries and handicaps for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club meeting to be held on March 23.

Shamrock Handicap (7 furlongs, flat race). A Good Time, (145), Colorado Star, (135), Dick Turpin, (145), Schmetterling, (140), Sea Uchun, (135), Tarzan, (135), Violet Queen, (149).

Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup (2 1/2 mile, steeplechase). Chubby Number, (155), Double Chance, (147), Jack O'Lantern, (145), Mac's Second Venture, (140), March Brown, (151), Ploughboy, (161), Soldier of China, (161), Three Farthings, (140), Vibel, (168).

Dublin Handicap (6 furlongs, flat race). Arabian Cat, (140), Ascot Vale, (159), Dow Jones, (135), Gallant Marshal, (135), Heddon, (140), Lancashire Chap, (141), Lucky Eleven, (135), National Liberty, (135), National Success, (155), Palmer, (149), Plain View, (135), Radium Star, (155), Zero, (152).

Hunters' Cup (7 furlongs, flat race). Chatterbox, (141), Jack O'Lantern, (141), King's Worlth, (143), Night View, (155), Oomph, (143), Royal Highness, (148), Royal Wedding Eve, (159), Soldier of China, (145), Sylvanale, (143), The Tigress, (135), West Lake, (152).

Governor's Cup (2 miles, steeplechase). Brutus, (168), Glorious Star, (152), Kiola, (140), Sea Uchun, (157), Spark Plug, (145), Spectrum, (140), Tax Lumber, (155), Tevondale, (145).

Kangaroo Cup (6 furlongs, flat race). Entries for this race will close next Tuesday, March 18, at noon and the handicaps will be announced on Wednesday.

In connection with the Hunters' Cup a special \$1 sweep, limited to 100,000 chances, is being run. The cost of one Through Chance is \$10 including the special sweep Ticket, can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong.

MACAO RACING POSTPONED

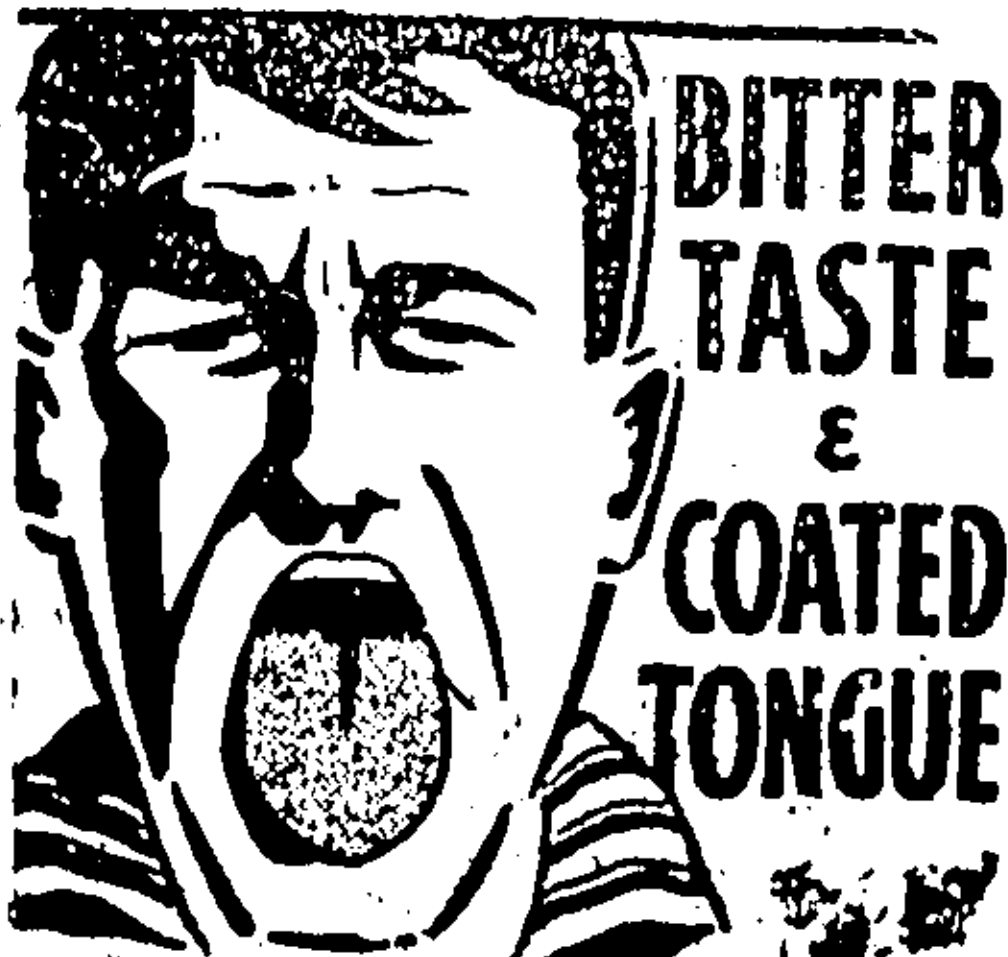
The next race meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, originally scheduled for March 23, has been postponed to April 6.

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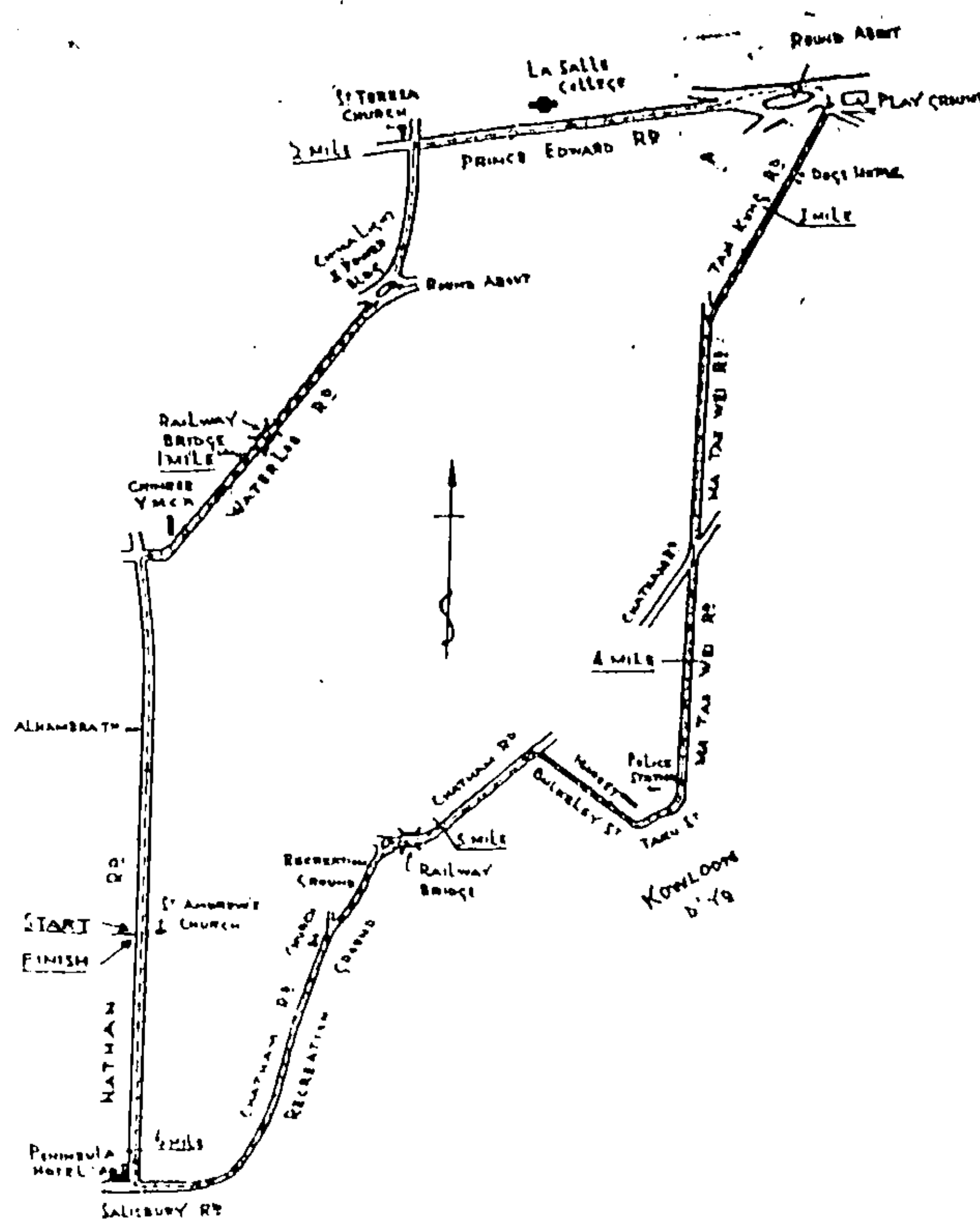
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It may be recalled that there were originally 33 entries for the race last year, but the Middlesex entry of 15 runners was withdrawn owing to the military duties. It is hoped that this year there will be more entries.

Pte Corrigan, of Royal Scots, carried off the honours last year.

returning 36 minutes and 4 seconds, time much lower than the record, which was set by Bugler White, of Somerset Light Infantry, in 1930 at 33 minutes and 25 seconds.

Entries on this occasion will

close on Tuesday, and all the competitors are requested to send in their entries to Mr. V. R. J. Merrett, of S. C. E. Dept., H.M. Naval Yard, Hong Kong, together with entrance fee of \$1 per runner, as early as possible.

LEE WAI-TONG NOT CHOSEN

At a meeting of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation two teams were chosen to represent the Federation for the Governor's Cup on Sunday.

The first team includes several Sing Tao players and Lee Wai-tong. The second team was chosen in case the Sing Tao team did not arrive in time for the match. Advice so far is that Sing Tao will arrive next week.

It is curious to note that Lee Wai-tong has not been included in the alternative team!

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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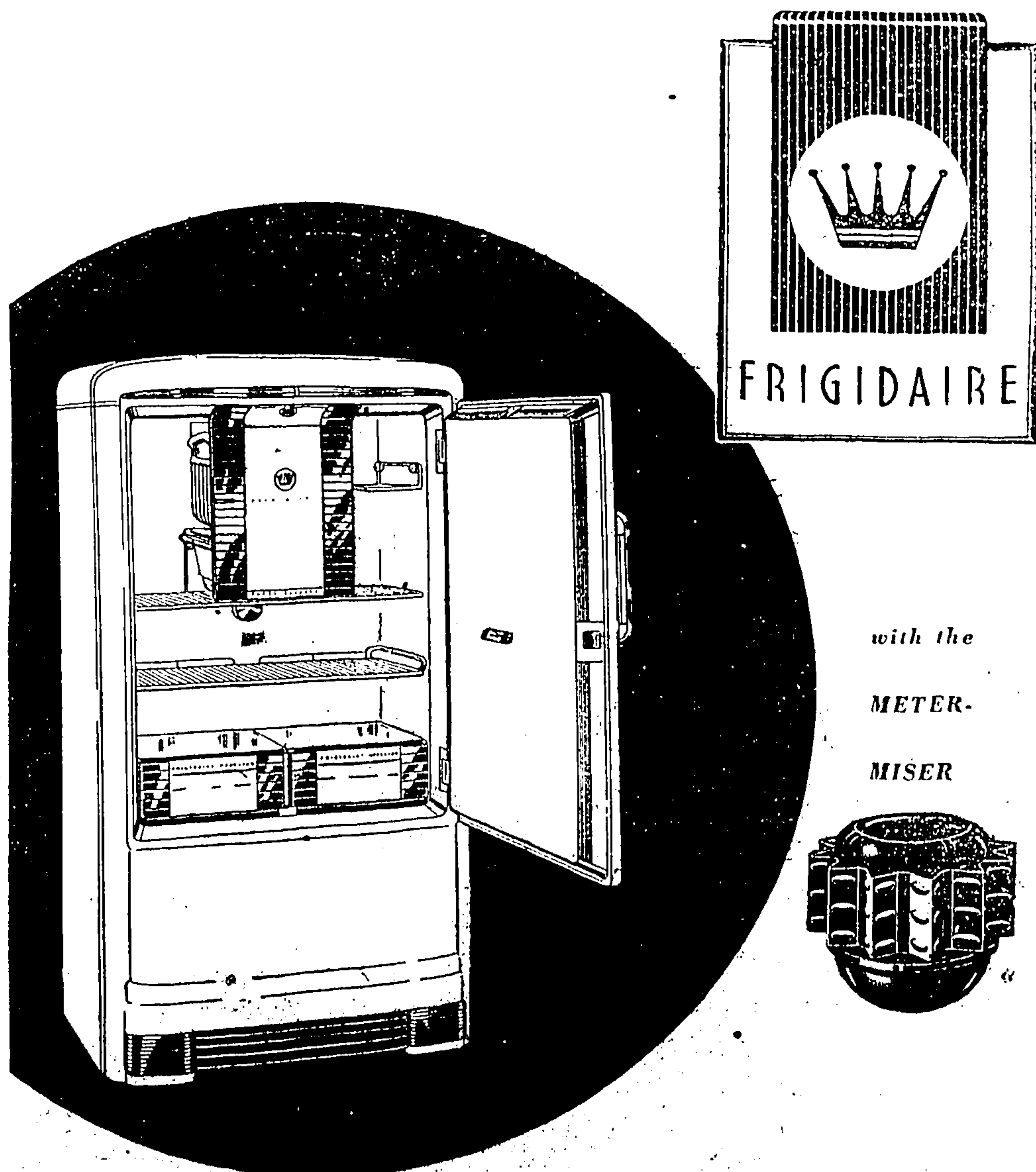
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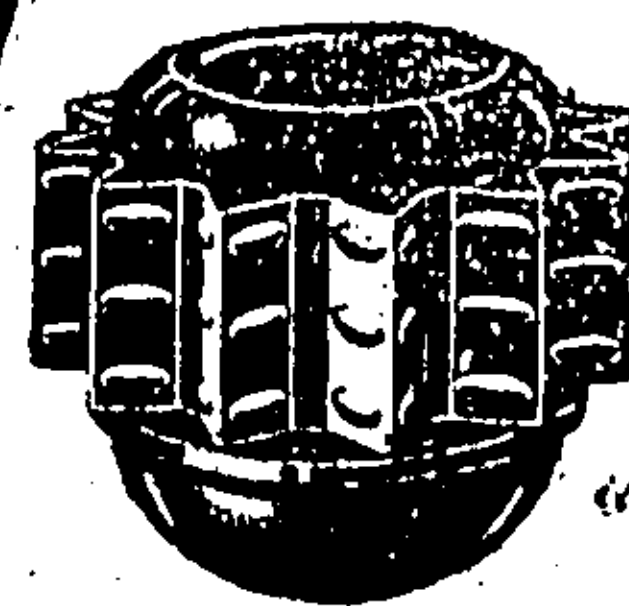
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Advances In All Sectors In East Africa

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THE ADVANCE OF THE Imperial troops in Italian Somaliland continues in all sectors, according to yesterday's Cairo communique, which states that there is nothing of importance to report from Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia.

In Eritrea, our troops are closing in on Keren. In Abyssinia, our advance on Debra Marcos continues, while in the south, in the Lake Rudolf area, operations have been held up by heavy rain.

Our advance forces are now 90 miles from Jipca, which is linked by road with Harar, the second largest town in Abyssinia.

It is pointed out that we are advancing along the road which the Italians built in their campaign against the Ethiopians. A Nairobi communique records some progress in the advance from the south towards Addis Ababa.

Following Up Retreat

Patriot forces, it is now confirmed, have occupied Yavello, 70 miles north of Mega.

The patriots are following up the Italian retreat in cooperation with Imperial forces from Molo.

In Italian Somaliland, British forces surprised the enemy at Daghabur, a post 100 miles south of Jibiga, and captured prisoners and lorries in which they were preparing to escape. — Reuter.

VAN KLEFFENS ON WAY TO N.E.I.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Jonkheer van Kleffens, has reached Lisbon en route to the Netherlands East Indies, according to the Free French agency's correspondent quoted by Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A stranger, who stated he had landed during the night from a German aeroplane, was arrested by guards in County Wexford yesterday, says an official announcement in Dublin.

The man declared he came down at Ballycullaid, in the same county. — Reuter.

BRITISH MINISTER CONFIRMS DETAILS OF OUTRAGE

THE FACT THAT THE BOMB which exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel in Istanbul was surreptitiously added to the British Legation's hand luggage before it left Sofia, is confirmed in a report from Mr. George Rendel, former British Minister in Sofia, to the Foreign Office in London.

The report says two suitcases were placed in the train. They appeared to contain dirty clothing, old newspapers and dry batteries.

After one exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel a second was thrown into a pit on open ground by the clerk of the Air Attache, Mr. Embury, who thus probably averted a second disaster.

It was later found to contain a powerful charge of TNT. The report adds it is therefore clear that the powerful bombs were added to the Legation party's luggage before the party left Sofia.

IT APPEARS PROBABLE THE INTENTION WAS THAT THEY SHOULD EXPLODE IN THE TRAIN, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN WRECKED, WITH GREAT LOSS OF LIFE, THE REPORT CONCLUDES. — REUTER.

EGYPT'S CERTAINTY OF VICTORY

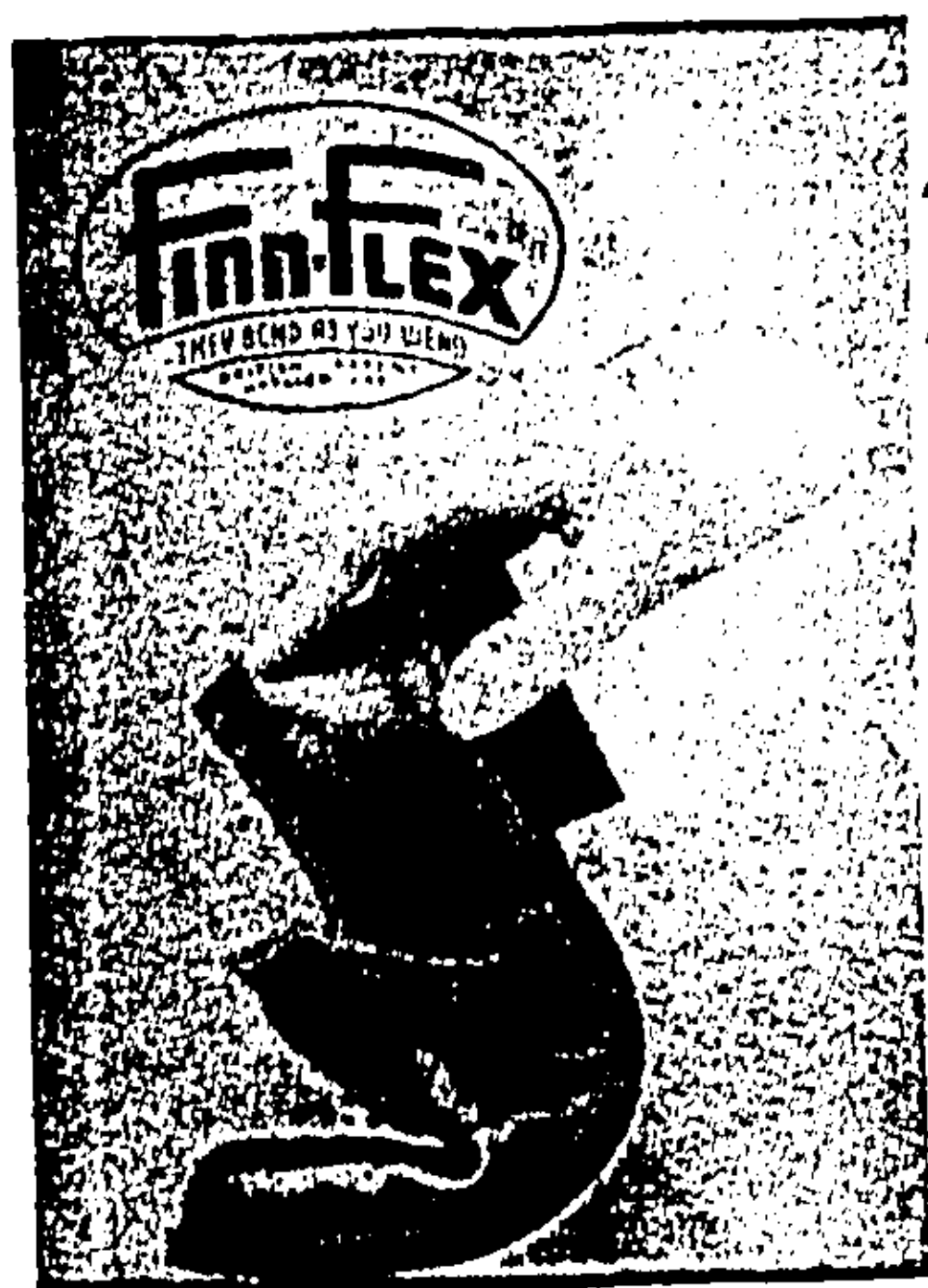
Egypt's faith in a Democratic victory was expressed in an interview with Reuter yesterday by Egypt's Prime Minister, Hussein Sirry Pasha.

"Egypt has voluntarily ranged herself on the side of the Democracies and we have every confidence that the Democracies will emerge victorious from the struggle," he declared.

Referring to his talks with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, he said Egypt was going to supply Britain with cotton, onions, eggs, wheat and rice, and Britain would supply the shipping.

Stressing that Egypt has fulfilled all her obligations under the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, the Premier declared: "With the mutual goodwill which prevails between the two countries, who are so closely linked together, no differences will arise. We shall march on together towards ultimate victory." — Reuter.

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BELGRADE WON'T JOIN AXIS

While the Germans have been pressing Yugoslavia to sign the tripartite pact, well-informed quarters in Belgrade, though emphasising Yugoslavia's desire for good relations with all her neighbours, including Germany, insist that any "concessions" made to the Nazis must be "consonant with the nation's real interests."

It is thought Yugoslavia may be prepared to accept:—

Firstly, an expression of friendship and non-aggression, and

Secondly, some instrument giving formal shape to existing economic relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, calm prevailed in Belgrade yesterday as the Yugoslav-German conversations were continued through normal diplomatic channels.—Reuter.

America Takes Strain

Responsibility for between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 worth of unfilled British orders for war material and British-owned facilities for munition production in the United States, may be transferred to the United States Government.

This was disclosed in Washington yesterday by a high administrative official, who stated that negotiations on the subject were proceeding which would relieve some of the pressure on Britain's efforts to raise dollar exchange.

It is estimated that the British own about \$100,000,000 worth of munition factories and production facilities in the United States.—Reuter.

MANISTEE SUNK

THE AUXILIARY VESSEL MANISTEE HAS BEEN SUNK, ACCORDING TO AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON, YESTERDAY.

Manistee is a converted vessel of 5,300 tons.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION ON SHIPPING POSITION

The House of Commons held yesterday's session in secret to discuss the shipping position, says a Reuter despatch from London.

HUNGARIAN FUNDS FROZEN

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS "FROZEN" ALL HUNGARIAN FUNDS IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Mr. Morgenthau added that the President and the Treasury had acted at the request of the State Department but he declined to discuss reasons for the action.—Reuter.

JAPAN WANTS NAZI AID IN THE AIR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ONE OF THE OBJECTS of the mission to Berlin of Mr. Matsuoka is to request the establishment of a German air force in the Orient, it was rumoured in diplomatic circles in Berlin.

Mr. Matsuoka is expected to urge the despatch of some 1,500 German aircraft and an equal number of German pilots, the planes to be flown across Russia and Siberia to Japanese air bases.

CANADA'S MAGNIFICENT WAR EFFORT

An increase of four million dollars in the cost of the British Commonwealth air training scheme was disclosed yesterday with the announcement that the revised estimate is placed at one billion dollars, of which Canada is providing \$583,000,000.

Some details of the big ship-building programme to be undertaken by the Dominion were also disclosed, and show that the programme included the building of 70 corvettes, 50 minesweepers and 20 merchant vessels as well as a large number of small craft. Canadian shipyards have

Mass Infantry Attacks: Enormous Losses Inflicted

THE ITALIANS HAVE ADOPTED MASS INFANTRY ATTACKS WITH TREMENDOUS FORCES, IN A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO REPULSE THE GREEKS ON THE COASTAL FRONT IN ALBANIA, ACCORDING TO A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY BULLETIN QUOTED BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The mass attacks were supported by a heavy artillery bombardment, but despite frantic efforts no ground was regained.

Finally the Italians were forced to desist and retired, leaving the field strewn with dead and wounded.

Mussolini's presence in Albania is now confirmed by 80 many prisoners' statements that it cannot be doubted, the announcer said.

The Duce has not succeeded in heartening the troops, nor in changing the fortune of war.

The announcer added: "The Duce is returning to Italy on Saturday."

One More Defeat

"His plan was to take back a victory with which to console his disconsolate people."

Instead he will take back one more defeat — the heaviest of all — together with the maledictions of the battered Italian army.—Reuter.

Greek Communique

The failure of heavy Italian attacks in Albania is announced in (Continued on Page 16)

DANGER TO EIRE

AS THE CRISIS OF THE WAR GREW MORE ACUTE THE DANGER TO IRELAND CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASED, SAID THE EIRE PREMIER, MR. EAMONN DE VALERA, SPEAKING IN THE DAIL YESTERDAY ON THE VOTE OF ACCOUNTS.

Mr. de Valera said that from the moment war broke out Eire had been in danger, not because the belligerents wanted directly or indirectly to injure them, but because the country happened to be placed in such a position that there was a temptation on one side or the other to seize the territory for military advantage.—Reuter.

CELEBRATIONS BANNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Public demonstrations in Bangkok planned for celebrating the conclusion of the Agreement between Thailand and French Indo-China were prohibited by the Police yesterday.

Only a few Japanese flags were seen in the city.—International News Service.

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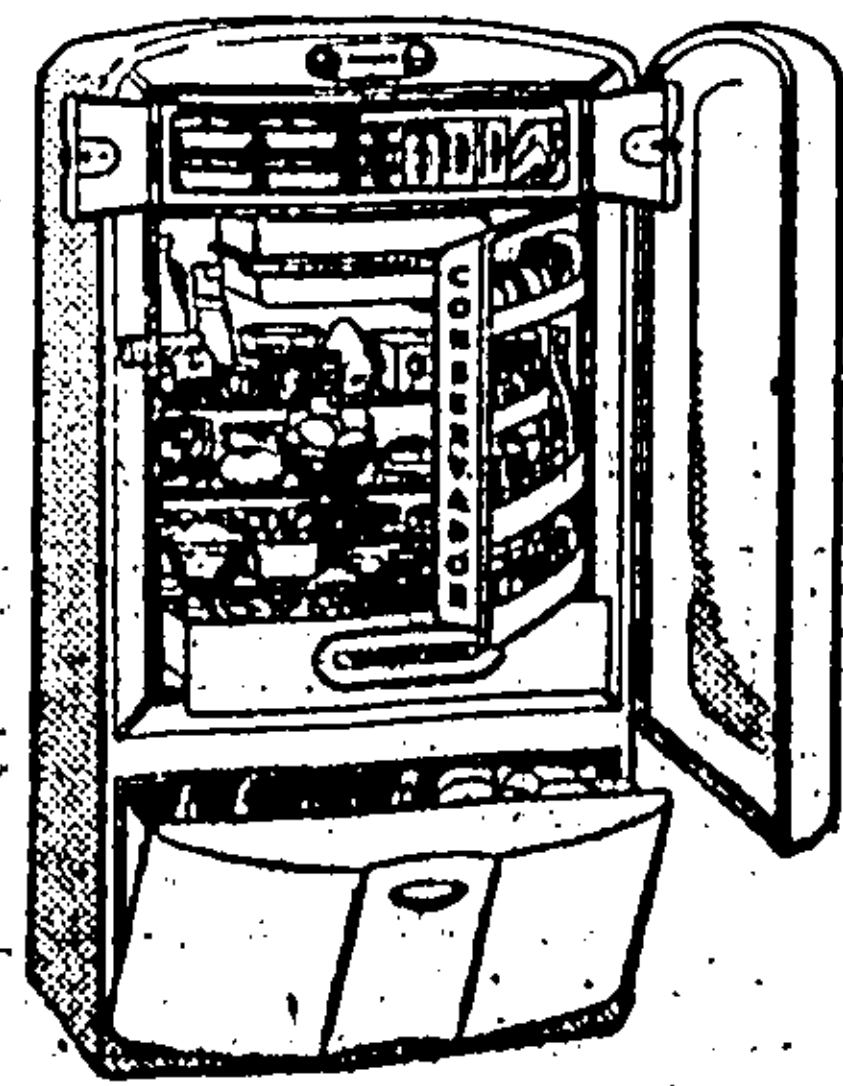
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WAR DAMAGE BILL

The committee stage of the War Damage Bill was completed in the Lords yesterday, says a British Wireless message.

already launched 45 corvettes and 13 minesweepers.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. STRIKES HARD AT REICH

Hundreds Of Bombers Over Bremen And Berlin

WHEN THE TIME COMES

"When the time comes the R.A.F. in the Middle East will strike the Germans as hard as it has struck the Italians," declared Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Commander-in-Chief of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, in an interview with the Greek newspaper "Ethnos" yesterday.

Asked by what he attributed the defeat of the Italian air force, Sir Arthur replied "In my opinion it is due to the dearth of inspired leaders and lack of organisation."

"In addition, Italian airmen have not the high morale and courage which come from the

GOEBBELS BUBBLES

Four centuries of German history are in the course of revision, declared Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, speaking in Vienna on the occasion of the anniversary of the Austrian Anschluss.

Goebbels described the Germans as the greatest and soundest people on earth and the German army as the best in the world.

THERE REMAINED THE LAST ENEMY—ENGLAND.

Referring to Vienna's problems, he said everyone had burdens but they should remember that the Fuehrer bore the greatest burden of them all and was himself a son of Austria. Reuter.

conviction that one is fighting for a just cause." Reuter.

Blazes In Berlin Visible Over 100 Miles Away

A FORMIDABLE STRIKING FORCE OF BRITISH BOMBER COMMAND AIRCRAFT SWEEP OVER GERMANY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT TO ATTACK HAMBURG, BREMEN AND BERLIN FROM SOON AFTER NIGHTFALL TO AN HOUR OR SO BEFORE DAWN.

Together the three attacks made the heaviest blow British bombers have yet struck at Germany. Over each objective there was a concentrated barrage, and to reach their objectives in Berlin the British bombers had to penetrate a continuous curtain fire.

The attack on Berlin lasted several hours and British crews were able to pick out streets, railways and lakes around the city almost as if they had been flying in daylight.

Fragments of shells hit the wings and under-carriage of one British 'plane but nothing prevented the pilot and bomb aimer completing their task.

They saw their bombs burst on the target in various parts of the city and the glow in the sky could be seen from 100 miles on the way home.

ONE PILOT SWOOPED DOWN THROUGH THE BARRAGE AND MACHINE-GUNNED HIS OBJECTIVE FROM JUST ABOVE THE ROOF-TOPS AND THEN FLEW ON TO ATTACK BARRACKS OUTSIDE THE CITY FROM THE SAME LOW LEVEL.

Fires flared high and some pilots reported seeing them clearly 70 and 80 miles away.

AS WELL AS THIS GREAT CONCENTRATION OF AIRCRAFT OVER GERMANY, THE BOMBER COMMAND ALSO DESPATCHED A NUMBER OF HEAVY BOMBERS TO BOULOGNE, WHERE MANY HITS WERE SCORED ON THE DOCKS.

British fighters escorted a bomber squadron across the Channel soon after midnight yesterday to attack the German-occupied aerodrome at Calais, says an Air Ministry communique.

Long Half-Hour

One pilot, whose aircraft was caught in a cone of searchlights for half an hour, said it was the longest half hour he had ever known. He had been hovering around the outskirts of Berlin pinpointing his position and then he started to fly across the city.

A.A. fire grew fiercer and fiercer. Bursts were all around and clouds of smoke seemed to fill the air.

The light of searchlights passed the shadow of the aircraft against clouds of smoke so that at times it seemed as if there were three or four other aircraft flying in formation around it.

One pilot attacking a railway junction saw incendiaries hit the track and soon afterwards there was a tremendous explosion, followed by small explosions for fifteen minutes.

Bremen Onslaught

An important plant for the manufacture of war material was the chief objective at Bremen, where the results of the concentrated attack were among the most spectacular ever reported by British pilots.

Bursts were seen over the whole area of the works. Many buildings received direct hits and were seen to catch fire.

Elsewhere in Bremen, says the Air Ministry news service, the first signs of trouble were long lines of bursting incendiaries across industrial objectives and then the buildings themselves were seen to catch fire.

Air Combats

The defences of Bremen were almost as vigorous as those of Berlin and a number of German fighters attempted to intercept the British bombers, there being several inconclusive engagements.

Hamburg, too, had a sleepless night and just after 10 p.m. the first British raiders were dropping their bombs among the docks and shipping yards.

Offensive Patrols

Bombs were seen to burst on the aerodrome and among aircraft dispersed at one end of it.

Other fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during the afternoon and destroyed an enemy fighter.

An enemy bomber which crossed the south coast was promptly intercepted and shot down in the sea.

One British fighter is missing from these operations.—Reuter.

CONTROL OF GERMAN MISSIONS

Thirty-five of 39 German missionaries in Northern Rhodesia have been confined to mission stations.

This was announced by the Chief Secretary in Legislative Council at Lusaka yesterday. He added that free contact with natives is forbidden.

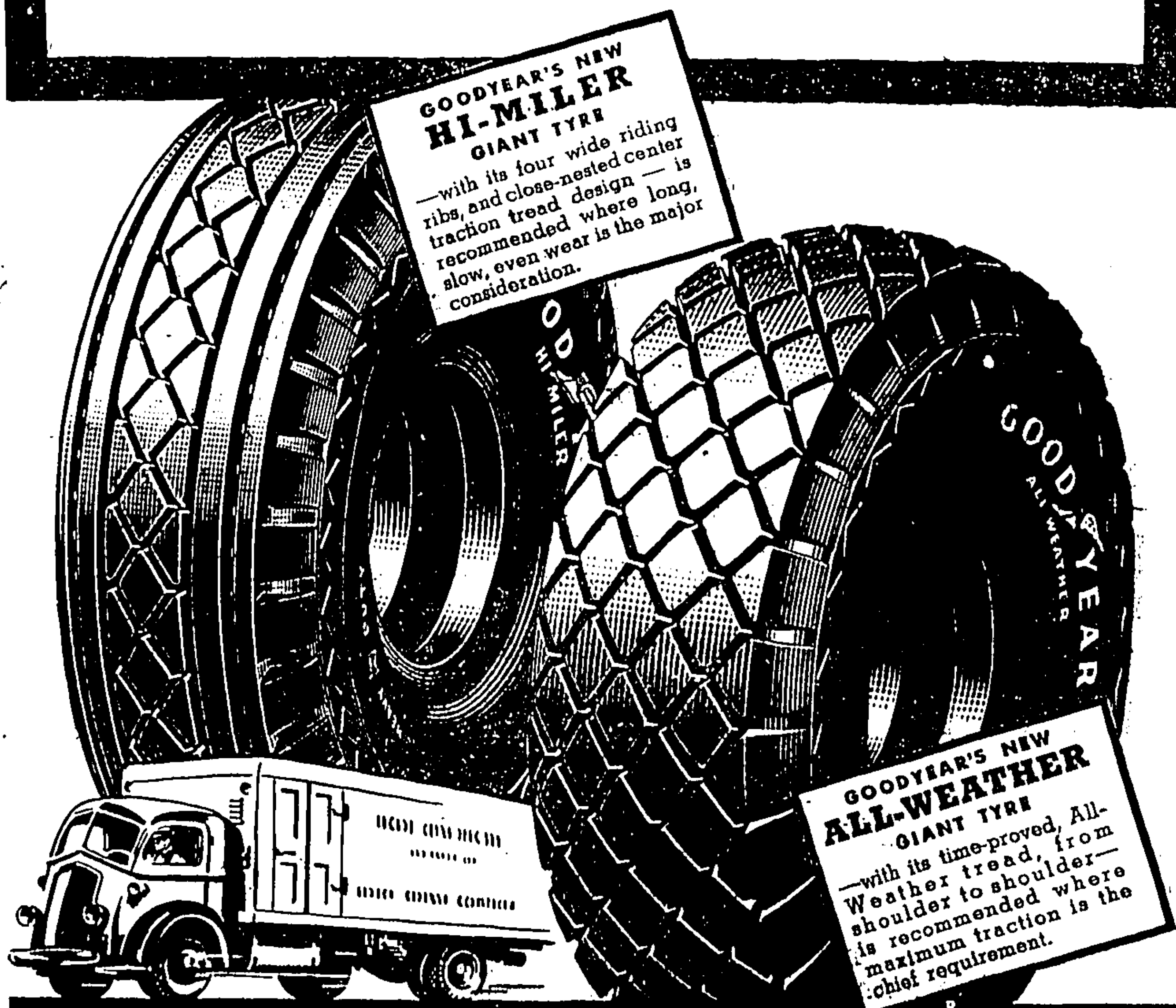
The other four are subject to supervision and restrictions in their movements.

There are 14 Italian missionaries in the territory. All enemy missionaries have surrendered arms, radio sets and motorcars.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LAND ARMY

It was stated in the Commons yesterday that well over 2,000 new volunteers have been enrolled in the Women's Land Army during the last nine weeks. These volunteers either have been placed in employment on preliminary training has been arranged for them.—British Wireless.

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Intensified Air Activity In And Round England

Widespread Night Raids In Progress

BRITISH FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN TWO MORE ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING YESTERDAY WITHOUT LOSS TO THEMSELVES. THIS OCCURRED WHEN, AT ABOUT DAWN, A SMALL NUMBER OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS CROSSED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST.

They did not penetrate far inland, however, before they were intercepted by British fighters.

A few bombs were dropped but they caused no casualties and little damage.

Otherwise, there was little enemy activity up to noon.

In addition to the nine enemy bombers destroyed in Wednesday night's raid, the Air Ministry state that a number of other enemy bombers are known to have been damaged by various means and it is possible that several of them failed to return to their bases.

A German bomber with a full bomb load was shot down in the south of England shortly after dark last night.

Gigantic Explosion

As the machine crashed the bomb load went off in a gigantic explosion, smashing the machine to small fragments and killing the crew.

Explosion of the bombs could be heard 20 miles away.

Widespread Raids

Soon after dark enemy bombers were reported to be over many parts of the country, indicating more widespread attacks.

The alarm was sounded in the London area.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

HITHERTO NO PART OF THE BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA HAVE BEEN USED FOR PURCHASES ABROAD, DECLARED MR. HARCOURT JOHNSTONE, SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS TRADE, AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. M. Price (Lab) interposed: Is everything being done that can be done to assist the Chinese Republic in their present struggle?

Mr. Johnstone: Yes.—Reuter.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

The Greek destroyer Psara, escorting a convoy in the Aegean Sea, sank a submarine which attempted to attack the convoy.

This was announced by the Ministry of Marine in Athens yesterday.—Reuter.

THIRD HEAVY RAID ON RHODES

R.A.F. bombers, for the third successive night, launched a heavy raid on enemy aerodromes on the island of Rhodes.

A COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID SAYS THAT AT AMRITZA ALL BOMBS FELL ON THE AERODROME RUNWAY OR AMONG HANGARS.

Bombs caused explosions and a fire visible 20 miles away.

At Calato and Catania all bombs fell on the aerodromes. Several explosions and a fire were caused at Scarpanto. Despite anti-aircraft fire all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange was very quiet yesterday. A small amount of routine selling caused occasional dullness but the undertone remains steady. Gilt-edged securities were a trifle easier but home rails improved on provincial enquiry. Industrials were narrowly irregular while oils were easier and Kaffirs were steady and unaffected by the Budget. Brazilian issues were supported. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

INDIAN PLAN TO ENCOURAGE RECRUITING

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED in Delhi yesterday stated that the Government of India have had under consideration the necessity of taking steps to ensure that services all desiring to assist in the prosecution of the war should be utilised to the fullest extent.

Youths suitable for emergency commissions are to be called for, also those suitable for civil employment.

There are reasons to believe that such persons may hesitate to apply for emergency commissions, fearing to lose permanently their chances of civil employment after the war. The Government consider it desirable to remove these apprehensions.

It has therefore been decided, with the approval of the Secretary of State for India, to leave 50 per cent of the annual vacancies occurring in the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police unfilled, with a view to their being made available after the war, to be filled by suitable candidates with war service.

This decision applies equally towards the recruitment of Indians and Europeans and towards recruitment made in India and England.

Reserved Vacancies

The Government of India propose to apply a similar scheme of reservation towards the Central Services with necessary modifications imposed by peculiar requirements in particular services.

The provincial governments are expected to make their own pronouncements in respect of the services under their control.

Vacancies thus reserved are to be filled immediately after the war from candidates who have rendered approved war service.

The minimum educational qualifications, possession of which will be considered essential for the services in question, will be prescribed, but otherwise recruitment for such reserved vacancies will be made by election and due consideration given to a certificate of good service from the military commander of the unit in which the candidate had served.

Appointments are to be subject to the usual medical examination.—Reuter.

U.S. DEFENCE PRIORITY

The American housewife will have to do without aluminium pots and pans in future, to help win the war for Democracy.

The aluminium utensil industry has been virtually told by the National Defence Priorities Board that they will not be able to get aluminium in future.

This ban on the manufacture of aluminium pots and pans is the first total restriction since the defence programme started.—Reuter.

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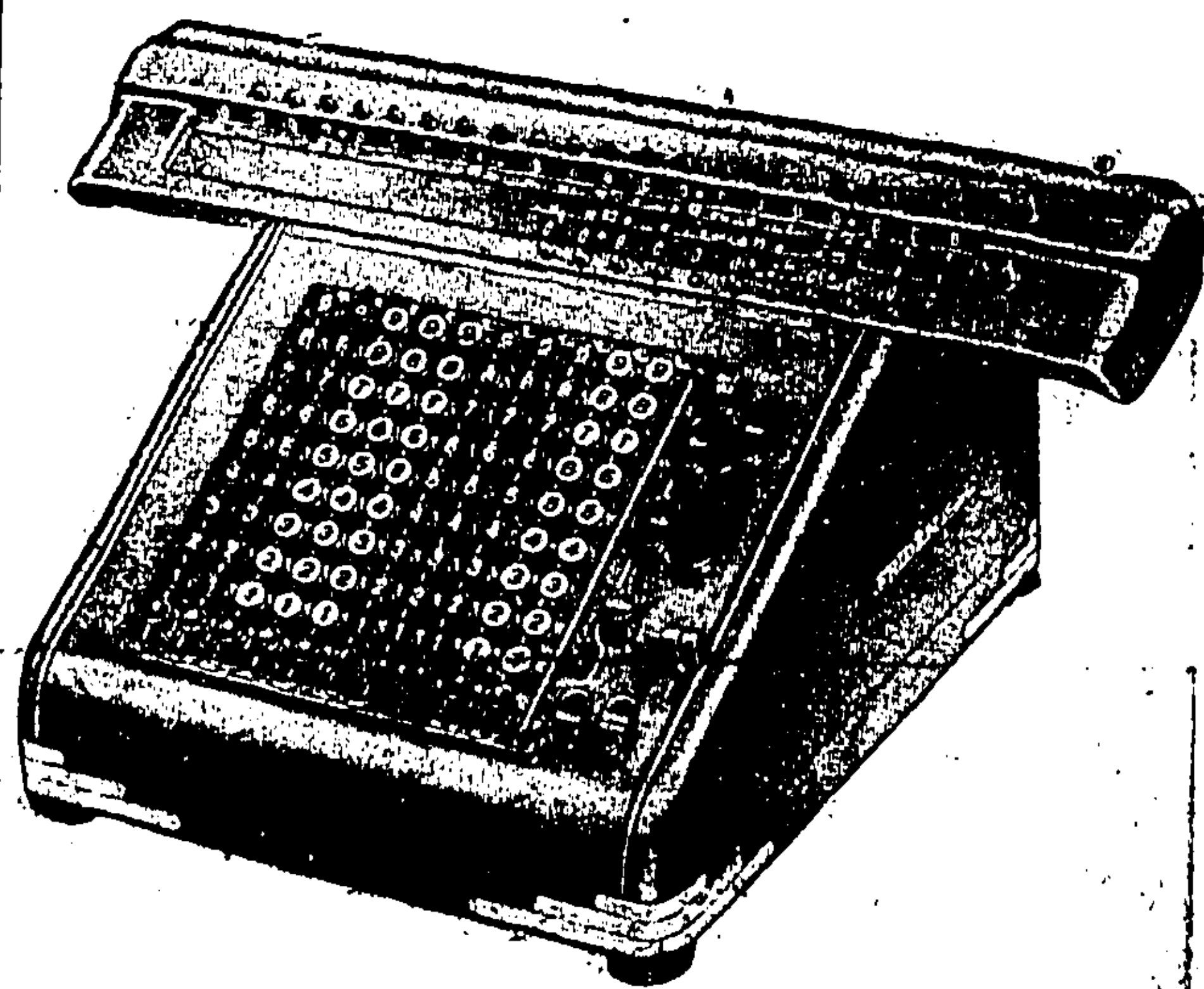
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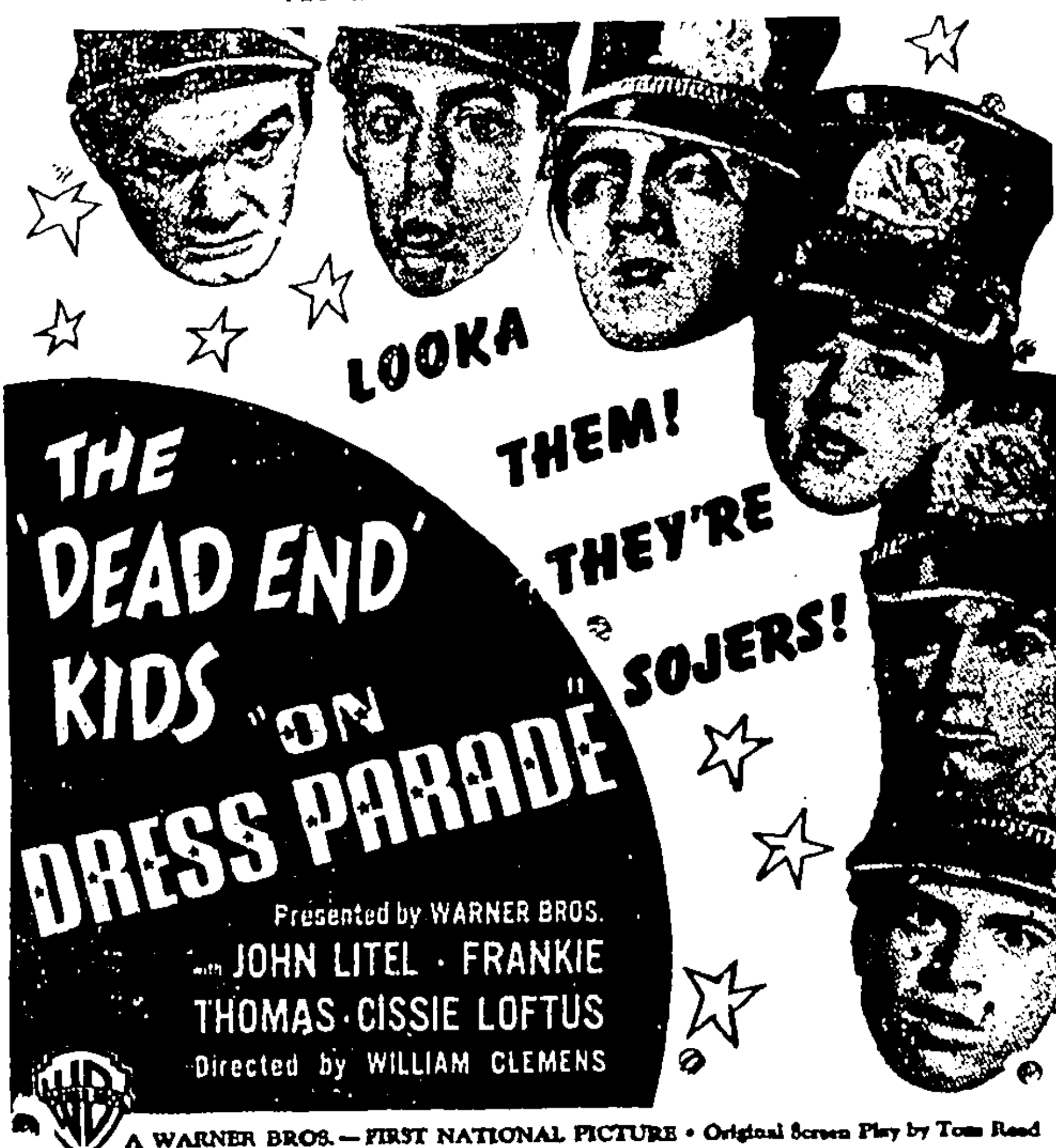
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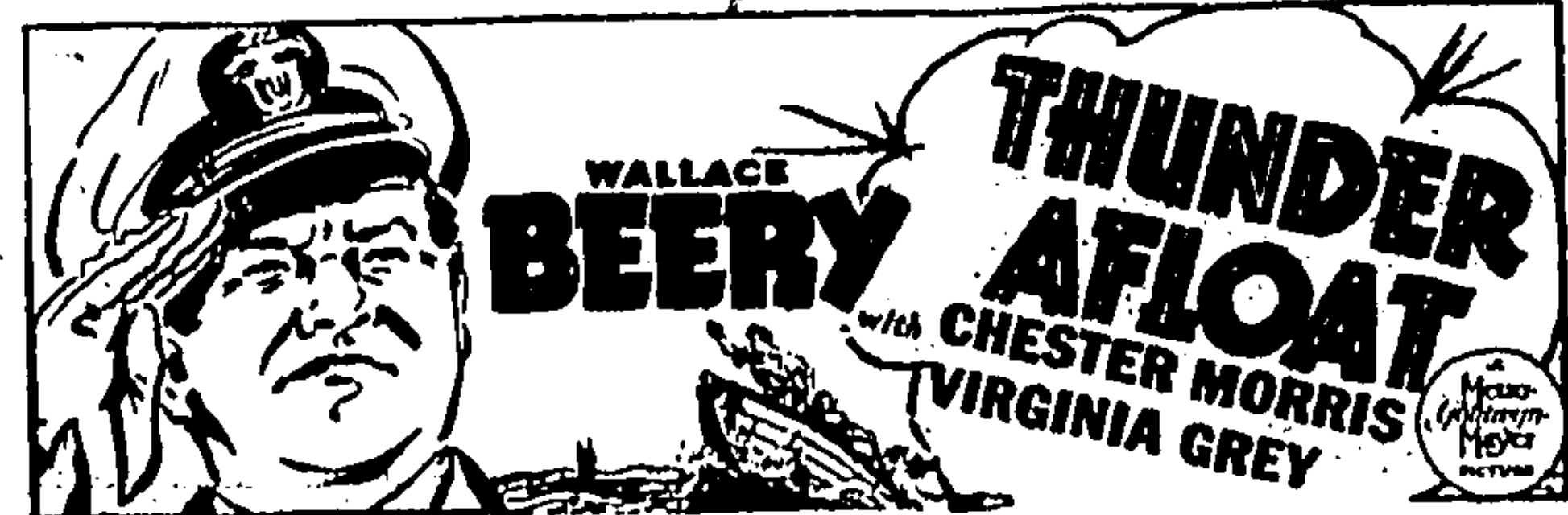
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INDIAN CONFERENCE BID TO TERMINATE DEADLOCK

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Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru yesterday adopted a draft re-
solution which will be passed by the plenary session
to-day.

After recording profound admiration of the
heroism and undaunted steadfastness of the British
people and paying a tribute to the Indian troops in
the Middle East, the resolution urges the resources
of India in men and materials should be used to the
fullest advantage not only in self-defence but in
helping the British people as fully as possible.

The resolution urges that sim-
ultaneously with the recon-
struction of the central government,
the British Government make a
declaration that within a definite
time limit after the conclusion of
the war, India will attain con-
stitutional status such as will be
attained, for example, by the
Dominions of Australia and Canada
after the war.

Main feature of the suggested
reconstruction is that the whole
Executive Council should consist
entirely of non-official Indians,
with joint responsibility for the
period of the war, with the de-
fence portfolio in charge of an In-
dian but with proper safeguards
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Yugoslav Attitude

The Yugoslavs are re-
sisting Nazi pressure, ac-
cording to Ankara radio
last night.

"The Yugoslavs are resolutely
determined to remain neutral,"
said the Turkish announcer, "and
German pressure is fast leading to
anti-Axis feeling in Yugoslavia."

The announcer added that al-
though an understanding between
Germany and Yugoslavia was ac-
claimed on Wednesday, the sub-
sequent change in the German de-
mands seemed to have prevented
the Yugoslavs from signing an
agreement.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT GIFTS

Amongst recent gifts for the
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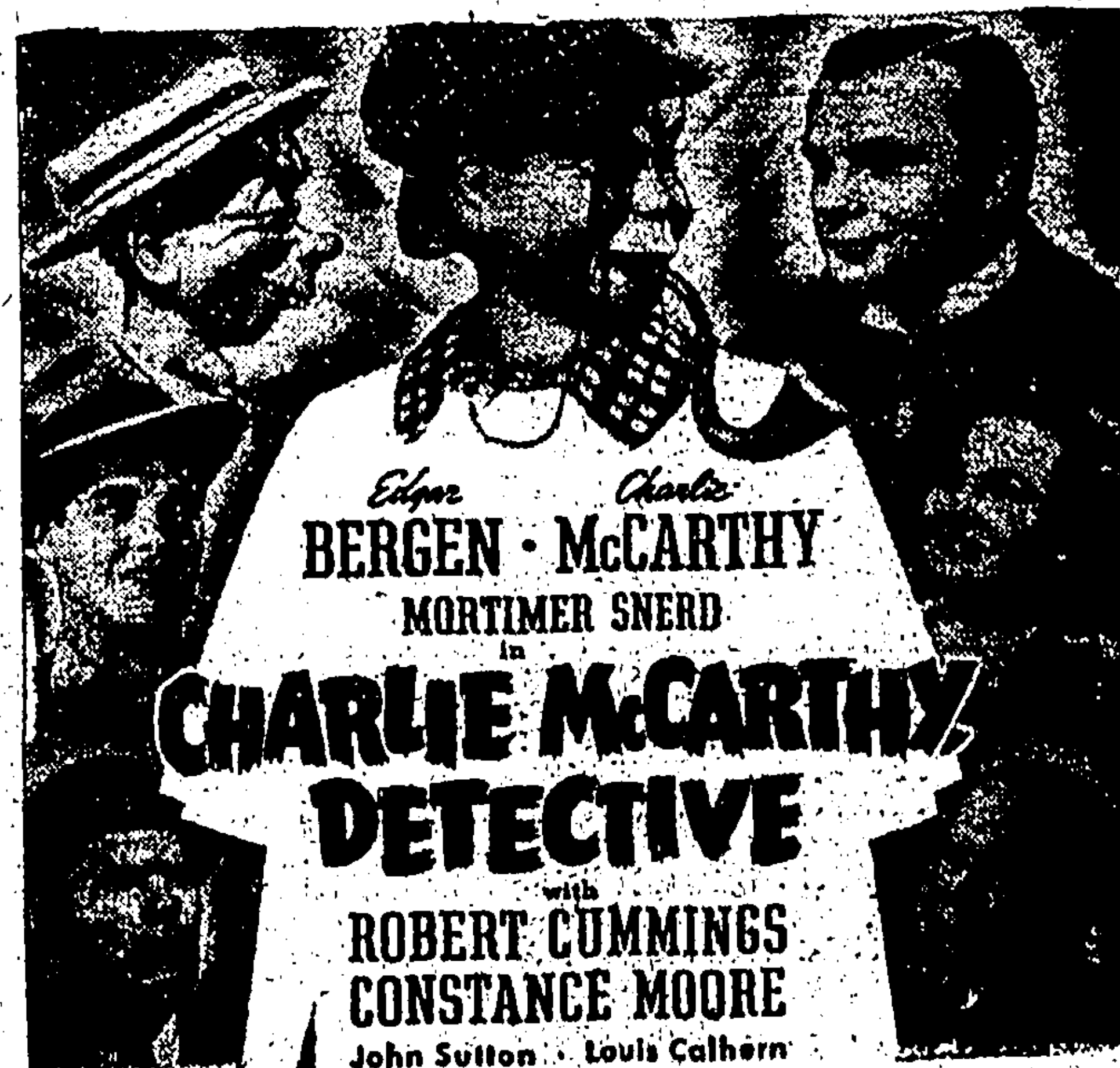
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Washington and Manhattan on
the New York-Lisbon route, re-
placing smaller ships at present
operating that route, according to
the New York "Times".—Reuter.

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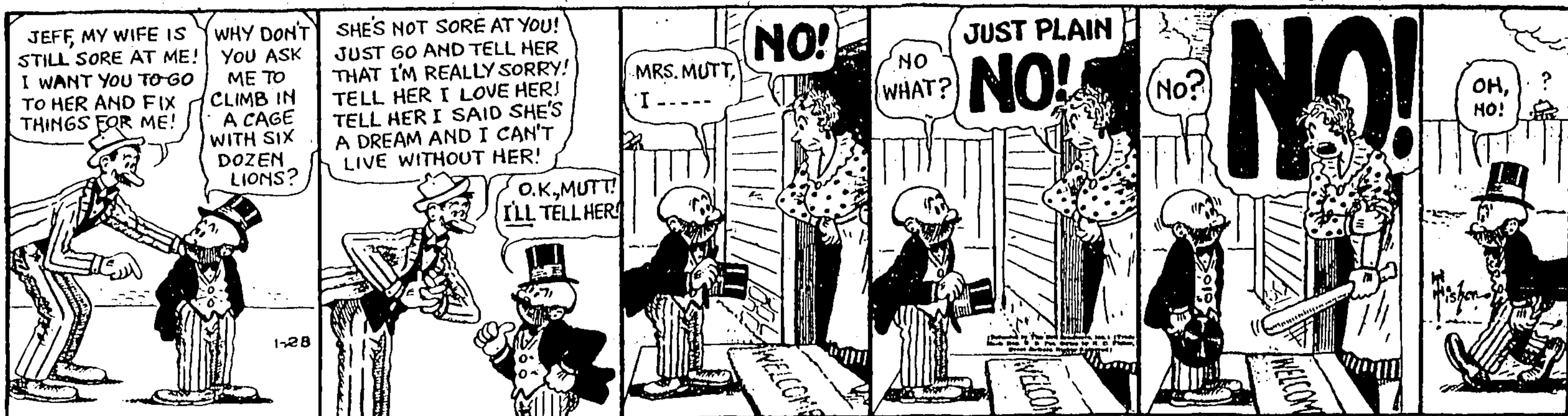
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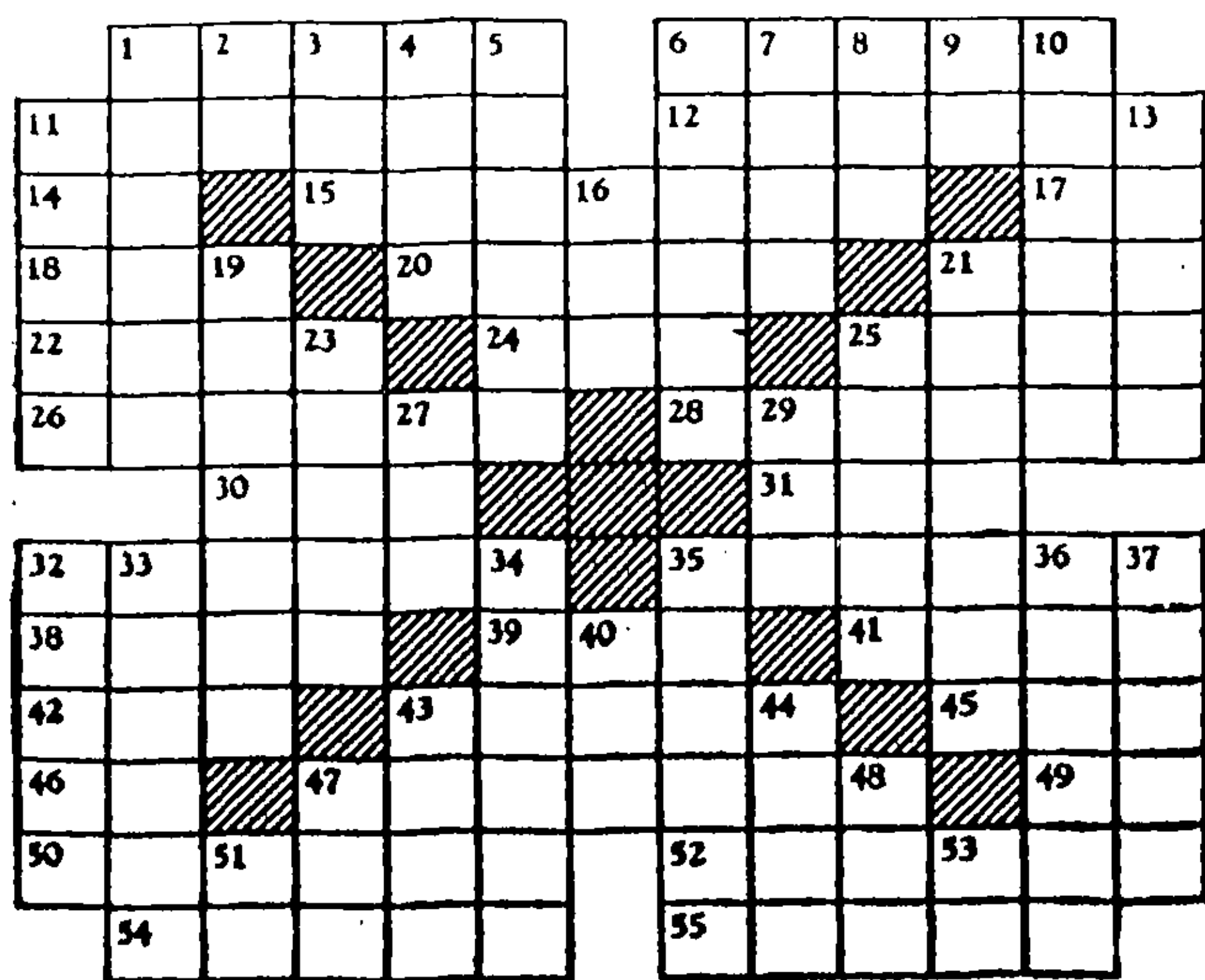


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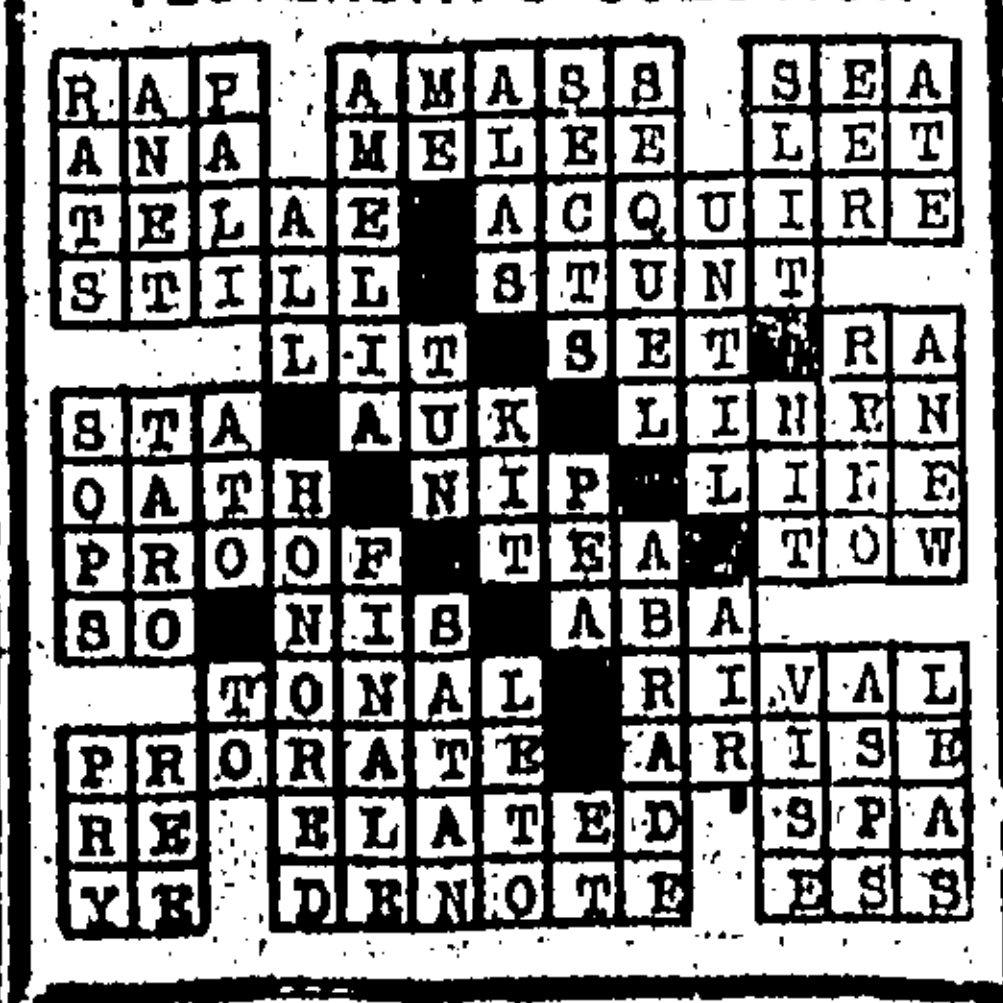
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Devastation
- 6 Mephistopheles
- 11 To scoff at
- 12 Heavenly body
- 14 Molten lava
- 15 To make slight allusion to
- 17 Extremely
- 18 Indehiscent fruit
- 20 To ply with fuel
- 21 Music: as written
- 22 Couches
- 24 Before
- 25 Hebrew prophet
- 28 Sharp-shooter
- 29 To leave
- 30 To place
- 31 Pike-like fish
- 32 Pertaining to a choir
- 35 American commodore
- 38 To become weakened by inaction
- 39 Constellation
- 41 Brain membrane
- 42 Japanese statesman
- 43 Hindu prayer rug
- 45 Fish-like vertebrate

VERTICAL

- 1 Region surrounding the earth
- 2 Land measure
- 3 Energy
- 4 Lyric poems
- 5 Middle
- 6 Impaled

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



7 Fibre plant

- 8 Light brown
- 9 Article
- 10 King of Pylus
- 11 Besmeared
- 13 To drink the health of
- 16 Rocky crag
- 19 Pertaining to fat
- 21 More astute
- 23 Sudden gush of liquid
- 25 Aside
- 27 Greek letter
- 29 The self
- 32 To desire
- 33 Bishop of Liege
- 34 East Indian sailor
- 35 Sections of wall
- 38 Overjoyed
- 37 Lustrous textile fibre
- 40 Cheer
- 43 Vehicle
- 44 On the ocean
- 47 To strike softly
- 48 To weaken
- 51 Sun god
- 53 Six

AN EPIC IN HISTORY

The exodus of Chinese universities to West China before the Japanese advance will prove one of the greatest epics in history when the story is fully written, said Mr. E. R. Hughes, Professor of Chinese at Oxford, lecturing before the China Institute in London yesterday.

Both the exodus and the continuance of the universities under intolerable war conditions were a strikingly characteristic feature of the Chinese spirit in the 20th century.

Prof. Hughes paid a tribute to the zeal with which war disabilities were being gradually removed and emphasized the place which "sound learning" has always had in the traditions of the Chinese people and their eagerness for all branches of knowledge today.

Higher education in China, he said, had much to do with preparing those positive, constructive forces of man's spirit on which the well-being of the future depends. — Reuter

ANZAC AIR HEROES

AN ACCOUNT OF THE MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTION NEW ZEALAND IS MAKING TO THE EMPIRE AIR STRENGTH WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, WHO REVEALED THAT SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR NO LESS THAN 500 PILOTS, 350 OBSERVERS AND 580 AIR GUNNERS HAD LEFT FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS.

As a result of the increase in the number of air force stations the output of airmen was now 5,000 yearly.

Giving an account of airmen already on active service, Mr. Jones said these young men had made a splendid record for themselves and their country.

They had won 76 decorations. — British Wireless.

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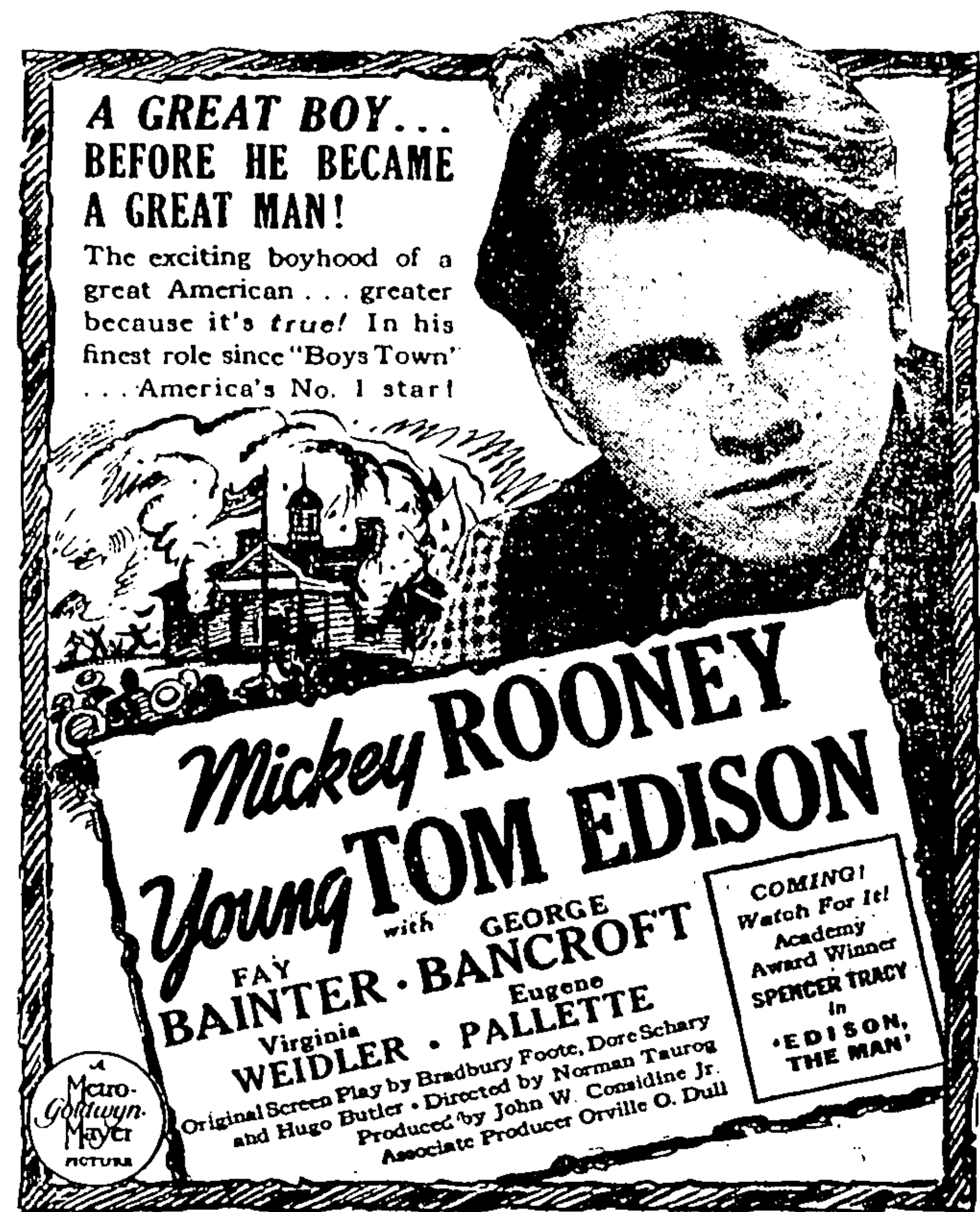
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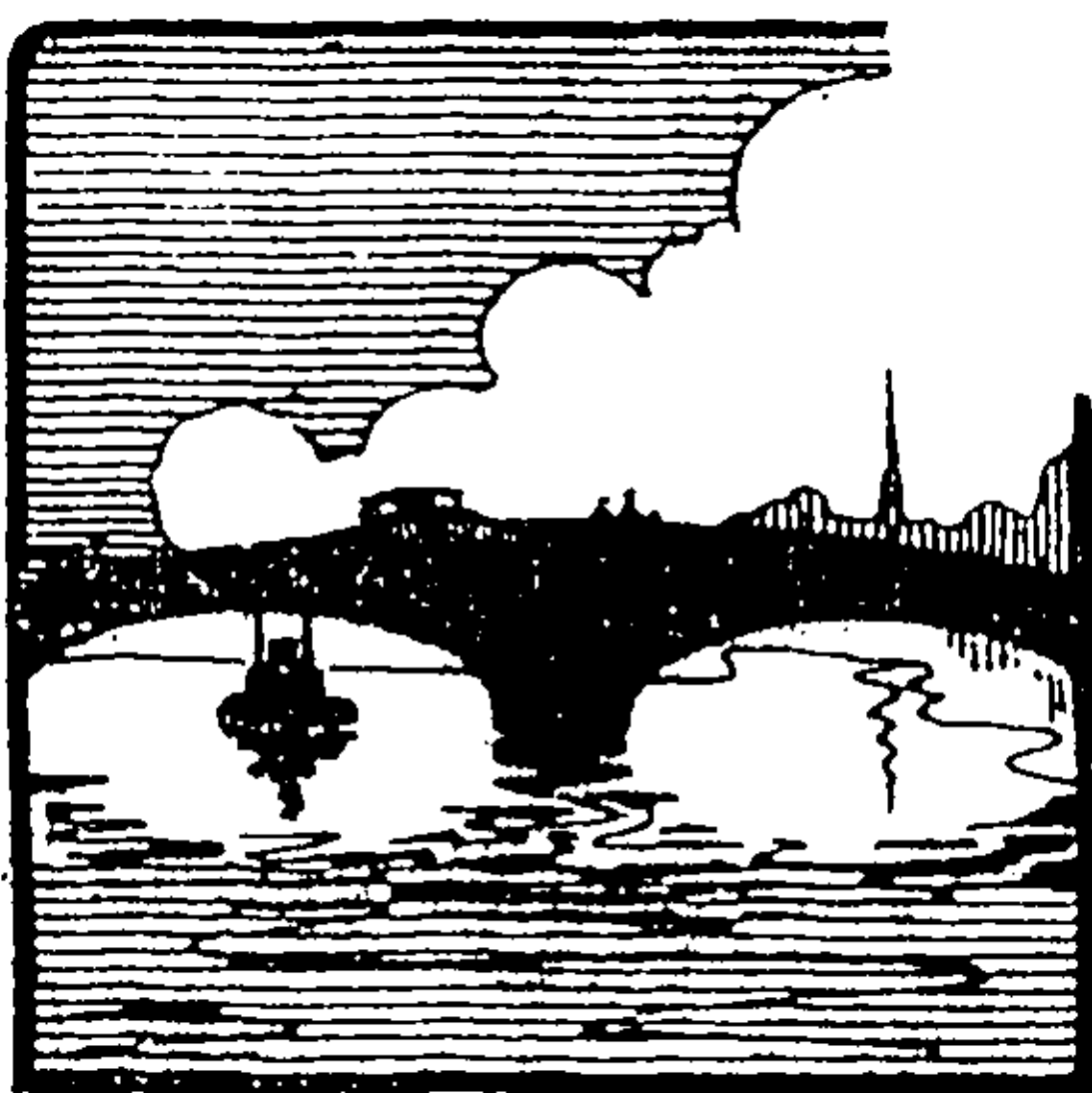
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ITALIAN ARMY WATCHES THE FLEET

ITALY TO-DAY IS IN A STRANGE FRAME OF MIND. THERE ARE SYMPTOMS OF UNREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. BUT IT CANNOT BE TOO STRONGLY EMPHASISED THAT UP TO A WEEK AGO THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THE IMMINENCE OF REVOLUTION.

To vast numbers of younger Italians the Duce is still almost a divine figure; vast numbers of older Italians have their doubts. Many are disturbed, humiliated, and defeatist, and their numbers grow daily, but this does not yet apply to the nation as a whole.

This preamble is necessary in order that too strong conclusions should not be drawn from the rather sensational facts to be recorded here.

There are in Italy to-day all the makings of a sudden revolution, possibly from the people, possibly from the Army. It may come at any time; but it may be averted for a long time yet.

Now to our story. Stationed somewhere on the outskirts of the Italian key ports of Brindisi, Palermo, Naples, Trieste, and the Island of Rodi there are contingents of specially picked infantrymen.

They have orders to remain quite apart from other troops. They have not been told specifically of their mission. Their equipment is better than that usually issued to Italian infantry, and they are in special camps provided with the best of everything.

In Case Of Mutiny

These men are Mussolini's special military police.

They have been stationed near naval bases in case of mutiny breaking out in the Italian Navy.

Starting in the submarine service, serious disaffection has developed in a number of sections of the Italian Fleet.

The disaffection was first revealed by incidents in Sicily.

The crews of two Italian submarines refused to go aboard their ship. The incident was hushed up and the men were immediately removed from the island.

Entire new crews arrived two days later.

At Brindisi some of the crew of a submarine shouted abuse about the war. They were arrested.

A high Italian naval officer revealed these incidents to a "Daily Mail" informant.

He said that morale generally in the Navy is low. He explained that many Italian naval officers belong to some of Italy's oldest families. They have never been able to swallow Fascist ideas.

When Mussolini's prestige was high they followed King Victor Emmanuel's example and kept their views to themselves.

The realised, as did the King, that to oppose Fascism then would have provoked civil war.

Now that things are going badly with Mussolini, many of them feel justified in moving against him.

Prisoners Of Britain

All high officers in the Italian Navy, once their confidence is gained, admit quite readily that they are practically the prisoners of the British Fleet.

They have followed with a amazement the daily bulletins published by Fascist propagandists claiming the sinking of scores of British warships in the Mediterranean.

They know that these bulletins are completely false, and they openly express their contempt for them.

The low morale and disaffection are among the chief reasons for the Italian Fleet's policy of keeping in the background and refusing to come out and fight.

As an encouragement to the men serving in the Italian submarine service it has been decided to increase their pay allowance and all men in the submarines are promised jobs in the Italian Civil Service at the end of war.

These decisions have had little effect.

There is a strong impression that those special "police" Mussolini has stationed round Brindisi, Trieste, Naples, and Palermo, and in Rodi, will be needed one of these days.

The low, morale, and spirit of

unrest and general dissatisfaction are even more acute on the home front.

The Italian people are losing their faith in Mussolini and in themselves.

In Despair

Italy gives the impression of a nation on the verge of despair. Italians, when they visit foreign friends at their hotels, particularly in Rome, furtively look up and down the corridors to make sure they are not followed, and then they willingly pour out their doubts, their criticisms, and their grumblings about the war.

They talk quite openly of the possibility of swift military defeat. And these people are men and women who barely a month ago were talking of swift victory.

There is now open criticism in Rome cafes of the Fascist regime. That has never happened before.

Waiters who once never mentioned politics, comment to foreign guests: "It's looking very bad, isn't it?"

They are quite right. In Italy the situation looks far worse than has been hinted at because of the bits of information which have leaked through the censorship and inspired articles in the Italian newspapers.

The situation is such that Mussolini can only hope to recover the prestige he enjoyed before the war either by a startling Italian success in the battlefield or some drastic political move.

There is the highest ground for the belief that he is seriously contemplating the latter.

His plan may involve the abdication of the aged King Victor Emmanuel, making him the scapegoat for the present situation, and the rounding-up of a number of so-called "lukewarm" military and political chiefs.

The word "lukewarm" here means those with lack of enthusiasm for Fascism.

Already some of these chiefs who are believed to be anticipating mass arrests are planning to flee the country.

Crown Prince

The position of Crown Prince Umberto, who is in command of an important section of the Army, in the event of his father's abdication is not made clear in high Italian political circles.

It is by no means considered certain that he would consent to be the tool of Mussolini in any political intrigue.

Mussolini is said to be only waiting for a comparative lull in military operations to get busy on the political front.

He must move quickly. Even Italians of the lowest intelligence have seen through the rather clumsy attempts of the Italian papers to gloss over the disasters in Egypt and Albania.

One man who has always been looked on as a staunch supporter of the regime — he got his important position because of the work he has done for the Fascist cause — dined with a "Daily Mail" informant and ate scarcely anything because of his extreme worry.

"It seems that the British Air Force are now establishing themselves, firmly in Crete and Corfu," he said.

"That means they are just on our doorstep."

He read extracts from a letter written by his brother, a factory-owner in Naples. The extracts described the R.A.F. bombing raids and said that air-raid precaution arrangements were extremely bad.

The mere fact that the raids had happened had deeply shocked everyone. They were totally unexpected.

People were convinced that the R.A.F. would never be able ser-

iously to bomb Italy.

Now that it has happened they regard it as proof that something is radically wrong with Mussolini's calculations.

There was real fear in the Fascist's voice as he discussed the comparatively few "R.A.F. raids there had then been.

"The R.A.F. may start bombing us like the Germans and Italians are bombing England now," he said.

"That would be very serious. People aren't really ready for it here."

His words convey the general feeling of alarm about the nearness of R.A.F. bases to Italy.

But travellers in Italy cannot help being struck by the rather wish-washy attitude of the general public.

The impression is that they will have to be disciplined very severely before they will put up any bold front to really serious bombing.

They could never put up with the battering London has survived.

Their spirit, it seems, is not in the war.

Italy's civilian front appears to be the weak link.

The Italian people will be worrying about food and clothing this winter, but most of all they will be worrying about the Royal Air Force.

Second only to the problem of the weakness of the armed forces in Italy is the problem of the unrest among workers.

It is common knowledge throughout the country that there have been a series of demonstrations and attempted riots.

In Rome, the spirit in the capital is probably as bitterly against Mussolini as in many of the northern industrial towns.

There has been a general round-up of people recently on various fantastic charges.

It is a rule that when the radio is put on in cafes and the announcer reads the military communique everyone should stand.

People who carried on sitting down have been arrested and taken to the police station, where they have been made to stand for hours.

A number of Roman shopkeepers have been arrested for "sabotaging the ration organization" by hoarding or supplying goods to their wealthy and refusing their poorer customers.

A few weeks ago, arrests for such offences were unknown in Rome.

They are now becoming more and more frequent.

It is believed they are being effected as a warning and in an attempt to single out those responsible for spreading pessimistic reports on the war.

But whatever steps are taken to control tongue-wagging and the general spirit of unrest, they will fail unless something very drastic happens soon.

There is friction in the air in Rome, friction and a sort of anxious expectancy.



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IN THE TOILS

It seems unlikely now that a German attempt to invade Greece will much longer be delayed. The desperate Italian counter-offensive on the central front coinciding with the presence in Albania of Signor Mussolini himself, suggests a final effort by Il Duce to restore his position and prestige without Nazi assistance. The complete failure of the attack, bringing to the Italians nothing but a ghastly toll of casualties, puts Mussolini more completely into the hands of Herr Hitler, and as the Greeks have declined to respond as it was hoped they would respond, to the Nazi war of nerves, the bluff of Germany in planting troops on the Bulgarian-Grecian frontier is called.

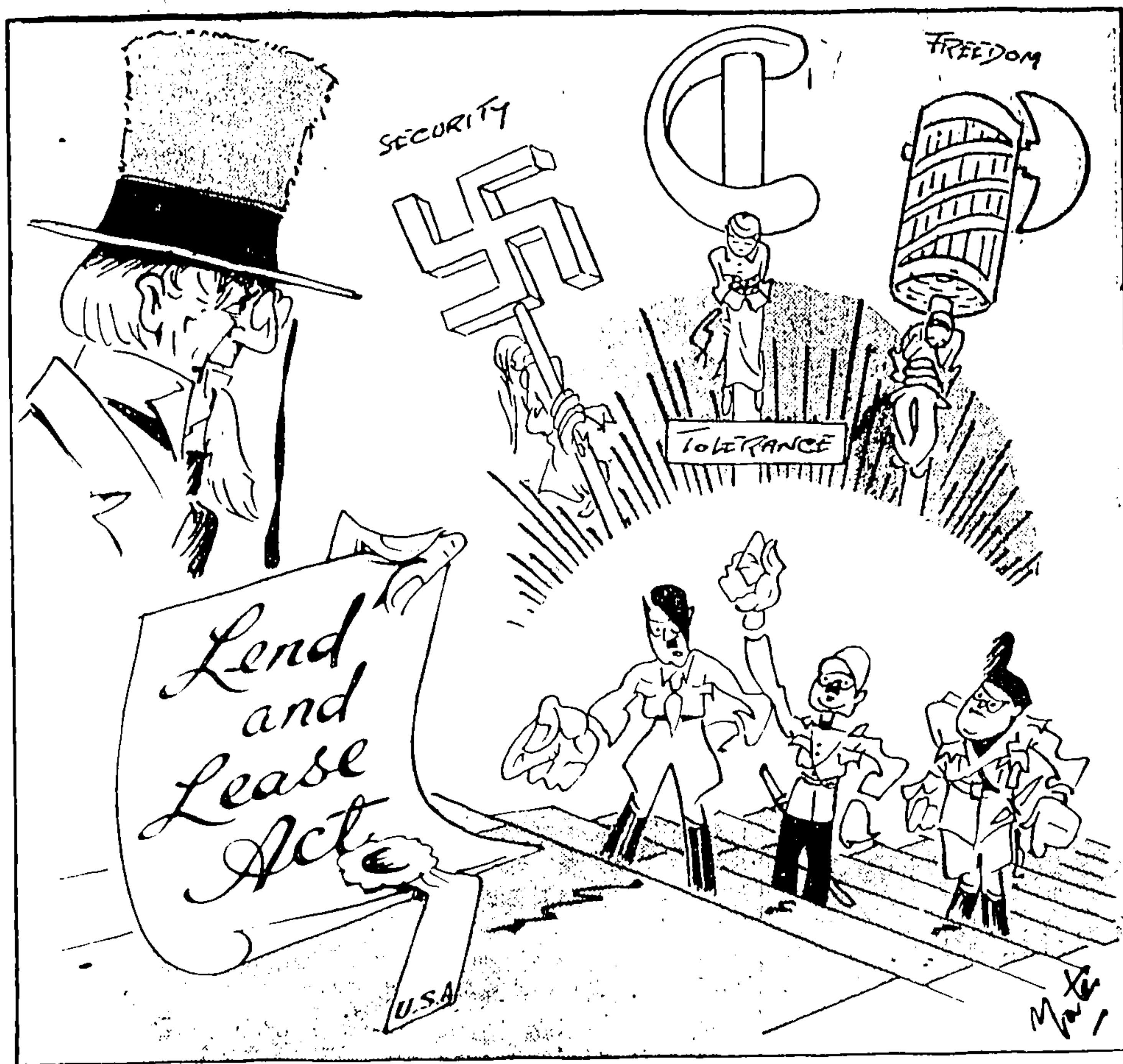
There is, nevertheless, ground for the belief that Hitler is far too late. He may succeed — the issue has not yet been put to the test—in overrunning Greece, but nothing now can restore Italy's prestige. Mussolini can never resume the status of partner in a victorious alliance. Events have caught up with the fable of Axis invincibility and Italy is now no more than a partner reduced to the level of a defeated France.

Nine months after entering a war which seemed to be all over, except for the division of the spoils, Mussolini, by a strange paradox, is now in about the same relation to Hitler as Marshal Petain or General Anton-escu.

Bulgaria, Italy and France are to-day all prisoners of Germany's conquest of the Continent. Despite Il Duce's appeal to the Italians, urging that it will all come right in the end, the debacle in Africa and the ineptitude in Albania shatter any hope that, whatever the final result, Italy stands to gain anything out of the war.

Developments, indeed, give added interest to the recent conversations between General Franco and Mussolini and General Franco and Marshal Petain. It is becoming more and more obvious that Italy, France and Spain—the partner, the conquered and the neutral—are all in much the same boat. At some stage, under some leadership, they must all look in common for one outlet—a way of escape.

MAGNA CARTA FOR WORLD FREEDOMS



What HAVE We Done To Deserve This?

Encourage The Conquered

By
Harold J. Laski

On any showing, it is clear that Mussolini has been dealt two vital blows in Albania and Africa. And the degree to which his regime is a personal one, weak in its foundations, dependent for its endurance upon continued success, is shown by the results of those blows. First, he dismisses the chiefs of the fighting services; the blame for failure must rest anywhere but upon Mussolini himself. Then his journalistic thugs, Gayda and Farinacci, begin to blame the defeatist spirit of unarmed persons for what is a crisis in the regime itself. It is typical that they should ask for a purge. A dictator can never seek rational causes for failure; he must always attempt to blot it out by revenge.

It is too early to regard the combination of these victories as a decisive blow in the main campaign. We must not judge until we see what estimate Hitler places upon the necessity of Mussolini's survival, what steps, therefore, he is prepared to take in his support.

Still, the joint consequences of these events are profound. The prestige of the Axis powers has waned very seriously. They are not only seen to be vulnerable. It is inevitable that men should compare the fate of Rumania, which accepted Axis protection, with that of Greece, which rejected it. It is inevitable also that there should be a re-assessment in Spain, in Yugoslavia, of British power, Turkish confidence in Britain will be even more strengthened. The Soviet Union may recover some of its courage; too much of its policy has been motivated by a simple fear of Axis, particularly German, strength. I do not think it is even too much to say that the effect on France will be considerable, and upon French North Africa, profound. Considerable upon the first because, at long last, there are signs of an awakening in France from the stupor of defeat, and a growing sense that its hopes of recovery depend on a British victory. Profound in the second because it will become obvious that Vichy enormously over-estimated Italian power.

On the more moderate estimate, I think it is safe to say two things. The Italian defeats in Europe and Africa, combined with the growing revelations of British strength, compel an Axis reassessment of its whole position. Because Dictators live by prestige, some striking measure will have to be concerted for its revival. If it is attempted, it will have to be undertaken by Hitler, since all Mussolini's energies are absorbed in trying to arrest disaster. On this basis, his reduction to the position of a very junior partner in the Axis is certain; for everyone knows that Hitler never gives something for nothing. And the more Mussolini is compelled to take, the greater will be his unpopularity with his own people. He has shown himself up at the first real test of his efficiency. He has been defeated at a stage where he held most of the main cards in his hands.

There is a real chance that the very existence of his regime may be in jeopardy in the next few months; and, no doubt, the impact of his failure on Hitler's own position will be important. But I think we must beware of exaggerating that impact. The German dictatorship differs from the Italian first because it is supremely well organised, and secondly because it has great victories to its credit. I do not believe that these blows at Mussolini will begin yet to stimulate the latent forces of opposition to Hitler in Germany. These have shown no real signs in the last six years that they are effectively organised; and I am afraid it is unlikely that they will find the momentum of organisation until they are stimulated by the proof that Hitler can be defeated in a positive sense. We here, of course, are convinced that he has lost the Battle of Britain, and I think we are entitled to our conviction. But I do not feel that this will act as an anti-Hitler dynamic

until it begins, say this spring, to be clear to his own people. This period in my own view, is the vital period of the war.

But preparation for it is urgent. The more we can hammer at Mussolini, the more we can undermine his regime, the more we shall arouse hopes of liberation in the conquered countries of Europe; and the more we arouse these, the more difficult will be the task of their occupation. Sulen acquiescence can very quickly become active opposition once it is given the material of hope; and it is important that neither in Poland nor in Czechoslovakia, neither in Holland nor in Norway, has the "new European order" made any psychological headway. These brave people remain the basis of revolt against him once the possibilities of success appear actual; and nothing will do more to make organisation for those possibilities effective than the news that the legend of Axis infallibility has been shattered.

It is the lesson that the more just the great society, the more unbreakable are its foundations, and that just foundations depend upon the recognition that all men have an equal claim upon the common stock of welfare. Those who realise this have in their hands one of the supreme instruments of defence in the modern world. Those who can be accused of failing to realise it lay themselves open to an attack which, once its ethical and psychological implications are grasped, may be of disastrous proportions. The masses in Germany went to Hitler because he promised relief from unemployment and the recovery of their respect. He betrayed them in the second; he gave them the first only at the price of slavery and war. He made the workers of Great Britain see that his victory meant their slavery, and, for a period, they will accept our "religion of inequality" rather than yield to the menace he symbolises. But they know as never before that they are the architects of victory; and they will require social justice as their price for it. The sooner we begin to build it, the sooner we shall summon all Europe to the breaking of the Fascist yoke.

Now For Victory

A tremendous change has come over Britain. It has become a land of smiling faces. That strained look which is the sort of "morning after" sign of a night of air raids, has gone. No longer do you hear the people talk of their sorrows as they go to their work, or of the prospects of the night, as they go home in the evening. The talk now is of victory. Britain is walking out of the valley of the shadow of death into the dawn of a new day. Hope has given way to complete confidence. There is no doubt about the end now, in the minds of any men.

If you want to measure the real determination of the people, the place to see it is in one of the bombed towns. There you suddenly realise the quality that made the British Empire-builders. The harder you hit them, the tougher they become. You feel when you

By John Gordon

meet them as the King felt when talking to a man at Bristol, on the rubble heap that only a few hours before had been that man's home, he suddenly said to me, "Give me your hand. I glory in your pluck."

The women are just as marvelous as the men. On the same day, standing on the top of a nearby heap of ruins, which had also been a happy home, the King met and talked to a young woman, who had a nine weeks' old baby in her arms. That woman, her baby and three other children had been standing under the stairs of their home, when a bomb caused the complete collapse of the house. They were all dug out.

You might think that the shock would have upset her, that anxiety and the loss of her home would have depressed her. Not at all. When she stood talking to the King on the heap of ruins, she was as happy and cheerful as if the King had come to pay her a peace-time visit.

The effect of the King's visits to these bombed towns has been one of the most amazing things of the war. As soon as he arrives the flags come out and cheering crowds press round him. He goes through the town with no ceremony whatever, with no guards except a few air raid workers and a policeman. People press round him and shake his hand. They discuss their losses and they share their confidences with him. He has done a tremendous job without fuss, and without sparing himself. He has become one with his people, in a way that would never have been possible except for such a series of disasters. He has made monarchy worth while. In an age when thrones are toppling he has made his more secure than ever, broad-based not on authority, but on the affection of his people.

An air raid brings all sorts of problems. One of them that seems to affect the sentimental British people much more than even the loss of their homes, is the bombing out of their pet cats and dogs. A tremendous voluntary organisation works side by side with the Civil defence services to look after animals in air raids. It is the sort of organisation you can hardly imagine in any other country than Britain.

It has been discovered that the difference between a dog and a cat is that the dog runs as far away from the noise as he can get. Usually he runs until he drops exhausted. The cat, on the other hand, vanishes for a day then turns up again among the ruins. Because of this homing instinct, five times as many cats as dogs are recovered after a raid.

For human beings the problem of what to do when your house is destroyed is much more simple. All round the great towns now there are a ring of rest centres to which, homeless people, both well-to-do and poor, are at once sent. They are given food, shelter and the opportunity to rest. Those who can afford to do so, mostly pass on to friends the next day. Those who have neither friends who can help, nor money to help themselves, are billeted out.

Here and there one finds difficulties, as always they will be found, but they are few. Britain in fact is becoming not a nation but a family. If we can only sustain this spirit in peace as well as in war, a new chapter in world social history is opening.

BRITISH MINISTER CONFIRMS DETAILS OF OUTRAGE

THE FACT THAT THE BOMB which exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel in Istanbul was surreptitiously added to the British Legation's hand luggage before it left Sofia, is confirmed in a report from Mr. George Rendel, former British Minister in Sofia, to the Foreign Office in London.

The report says two suitcases were placed in the train. They appeared to contain dirty clothing, old newspapers and dry batteries.

After one exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel a second was thrown into a pit on open ground by the clerk of the Air Attache, Mr. Embury, who thus probably averted a second disaster.

It was later found to contain a powerful charge of TNT. The report adds it is therefore clear that the powerful bombs were added to the Legation party's luggage before the party left Sofia.

IT APPEARS PROBABLE THE INTENTION WAS THAT THEY SHOULD EXPLODE IN THE TRAIN, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN WRECKED, WITH GREAT LOSS OF LIFE, THE REPORT CONCLUDES. — REUTER.

Mr. Eden's Message

Agency messages from Cairo report that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, sent a message of sympathy to Mr. Rendel through the British Ambassador at Ankara.

The Foreign Secretary's telegram said: "Please inform Mr. Rendel of my horror and disgust on reading of the dastardly attempt on himself and members of your staff. I am deeply distressed at reports that members of your staff and Mr. Rendel's staff were injured. Please give them my sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery. I shall be glad if you will convey to the Turkish Government an expression of my deep sympathy in the loss of their nationals as a result of the dastardly outrage." — British Wireless.

FROM NAZI SOURCE

THE PRESENCE FOR THE SECOND TIME OF M. MOLOTOV, SOVIET FOREIGN COMMISSAR, AT A BANQUET AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, IS REGARDED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES THERE AS AN INDICATION OF THE PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO A GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY DESPATCH

VAN KLEFFENS ON WAY TO N.E.I.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Jonkheer van Kleffens, has reached Lisbon en route to the Netherlands East Indies, according to the Free French agency's correspondent quoted by Reuter.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY URGENCY

The speedy completion of a two-ocean navy was urged by Colonel Knox, Secretary of Navy, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics in testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee yesterday.

All three warned Congress that the international situation might continue to grow worse from time to time.

Speedy completion of a two-ocean navy was necessary because the combined German, Italian and Japanese fleets at the beginning of this year totalled 1,835,000 tons against the 1,250,000 tons of the United States.

This did not take into account the French ships. — Reuter.

FROM MOSCOW.

The banquet was given by Mr. Tatekawa, the Ambassador, in honour of M. Molotov.

M. Vyshinski, Deputy Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and other prominent Soviet personages were present, the despatch adds. — Reuter.

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AS THE CABLES at the time briefly indicated, the broadcast given from Delhi on February 9 by the new Commander-in-Chief in India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, paid tribute to the exploits of the Indian Troops in Libya and His Excellency furthermore made important references to the relation of the Indian Army with India herself.

The full text of his speech has now been received by air mail and as the latter half of it deals specially with India, it is reproduced here as of special interest to the Far East where Indian Troops are also serving.

After giving a vivid account of his experiences in Norway and in England in training the new armies, General Auchinleck said:

"A few weeks ago I was told to come back to India to take up the post of Commander-in-Chief, the highest honour that can be paid by His Majesty to an officer of the Indian Army. I need hardly say how deeply I appreciated this privilege, though I must admit that I left my post in England with the greatest regret. "On my way to India I had the good fortune to see a good deal of our military effort in West Africa and was very much impressed by the tremendous amount of progress being made there. African tribesmen from the great forests and plains of Nigeria and other territories are being turned into soldiers, and very good soldiers too, at an astonishing speed.

"The same applied to Central Africa and the Sudan. Wherever I went everyone had one object and one only—to spare no effort to produce armed men to defeat the enemy. Cooperating with our troops are the Free French forces which have already attacked Italian posts in Southern Libya. I met French officers of Spahis fighting side by side with our Indian soldiers on the borders of Abyssinia.

At Sidi Barrani

"In the Eastern Sudan I was privileged to see a number of our Indian units, some of which had already fought at Sidi Barrani and others which had come direct from India. The Italians had not then withdrawn from Kassala and their other advanced posts, and our men, inferior in strength to the enemy, were strung out over an immense front awaiting reinforcements before beginning their attack.

"In spite of their relative weakness in numbers, they and the Sudan Defence Force, which has greatly distinguished itself, were in complete control of No-Man's Land, having entirely deprived the Italians of their initiative.

"I can say at once that, although I have served continuously with Indian troops for over 38 years, I have never seen Indian units which looked happier, fitter or more on their toes. I saw men of many classes and it was the same everywhere.

"The British units, of whom there are many with the force, seemed to me, in the light of my considerable experience with British troops at home, to be of the very best, tough and fit, and adapting themselves to the conditions of that wild country as only British soldiers can. The combination of the two services seemed to me about as perfect as it could be.

"I came away with the most comforting and gratifying sense of efficiency, purpose and determination. Conditions are of course often uncomfortable and the work is hard and strenuous, but a soldier expects this. The men are well fed, well clothed and excellently looked after.

"There is no doubt that in the Sudan we have a modern army excellently commanded and led, trained to war under modern conditions, very well able to look after itself in all circumstances, and ready to give much harder blows than it will receive.

"I was able to visit also Indian reinforcement camps in Egypt and Indian units guarding the Suez Canal and other important points in the rearward areas. Here, too, I found the same state of cheerfulness and

efficiency in spite of the less interesting nature of the work.

Fresh Honours

"Even at this moment they are winning fresh battle honours for their colours. On the eve of the latest brilliant victory in Libya I received the following message from General Wavell: 'Indian troops were amongst the early reinforcements to arrive in Egypt and have been maintaining the defence of that country ever since.'

"This long period of defence was rewarded by their participation in the battle of Sidi Barrani, in which the magnificent work of the Indian troops enhanced the already high reputation they had previously held. Since then Indian troops have taken part in several important actions in the Sudan, culminating in the most brilliant pursuit from Kassala to Keren. In this action the Indian troops have performed extremely good work in most difficult conditions."

"The fact that our British-Indian troops took a leading part in the victory of Sidi Barrani, the battle which started the Italian rout in Libya, cannot fail to make us here in India tremendously proud of them. They have won golden opinions everywhere and it is for us to see that the troops which follow them overseas shall lack for nothing that they need to enable them to keep the same high standard.

"I welcome this chance of telling all our troops in Egypt and the Sudan how very pleased I was to be able to see something of them under active service conditions, how grateful I am to them for their welcome to me and how intensely proud I am of them.

"I wish I could have stayed with them, but I hope it will not be long before I am able to visit them again. As I said before, the driving of the Italians out of Africa is a most important step towards winning the war and it is good to think that India is playing a major part in this effort.

"Here in this country we can best honour the gallantry and devotion of our Indian soldiers overseas by doing everything we can to help to win that complete victory which alone will restore peace and security. To-day Indian troops in North Africa are fighting side by side with British, Australian, New Zealand, South African and Free French forces to destroy once and for all the threat to bring war to the shores of India from North Africa.

Threefold Duty

"Our duty to them is threefold. We must ensure that their efforts are not rendered in vain by any failures on our part to make this country, that is this great country of India, secure against direct attack from any direction. We must place ourselves in a position to give our men actually facing the enemy in the field the greatest possible assistance and support of which we are capable, in the form of trained reinforcements and supplies.

"We must also—and here I would particularly appeal to those who, for one reason or another, may not be able to take a direct part in the immense military and industrial effort on which India has embarked with such striking results—provide our men overseas with all the comforts and amenities we can to

lighten the hardships they are enduring so cheerfully.

Devotion To Duty

"Equally important to their comfort and peace of mind is the assurance that those they have left behind them are being watched over and that their homes are secure. Both individually and collectively we can, by giving practical demonstration of our pride in the deeds of our own soldiers and sailors, help them to maintain their magnificent spirit.

"There has, perhaps, been a tendency in the past to regard India's armed forces as being something apart from and of no concern to the rest of the people. I hope that that day has passed. Nothing, I suggest, can be more stimulating to understanding and mutual respect throughout India than that the people of this country, whatever their political opinions may be on other issues, should unite in showing their pride and affection for the men of the Indian Army, Royal Indian Navy and Indian Air Force. Their devotion to duty is unstinted; let our confidence in them be as complete.

"Let us not forget above all that those who are performing the duties allotted to them in less striking tasks behind the battle fronts and in this country are making just as important a contribution to success as those actually face to face with the enemy.

"Everything goes to suggest that this present year will be a most critical one. The blows we withstood in 1940 were tremendous—we had our backs to the wall. In 1941 our enemies may have to make their supreme effort in an attempt to prevent the tables being turned on them.

"They undoubtedly know this as well as we do and will spare no effort and shrink from no expense to crush us. Although it seems as if the United Kingdom is likely to have to bear the brunt of this gigantic assault, no one can foretell from what other directions attack may come in an attempt to stop once and for all the rapidly growing collective power of the Empire.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 14th March, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon. A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprising:—

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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE.—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares) to be offered to them under the preceding resolution upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941. The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

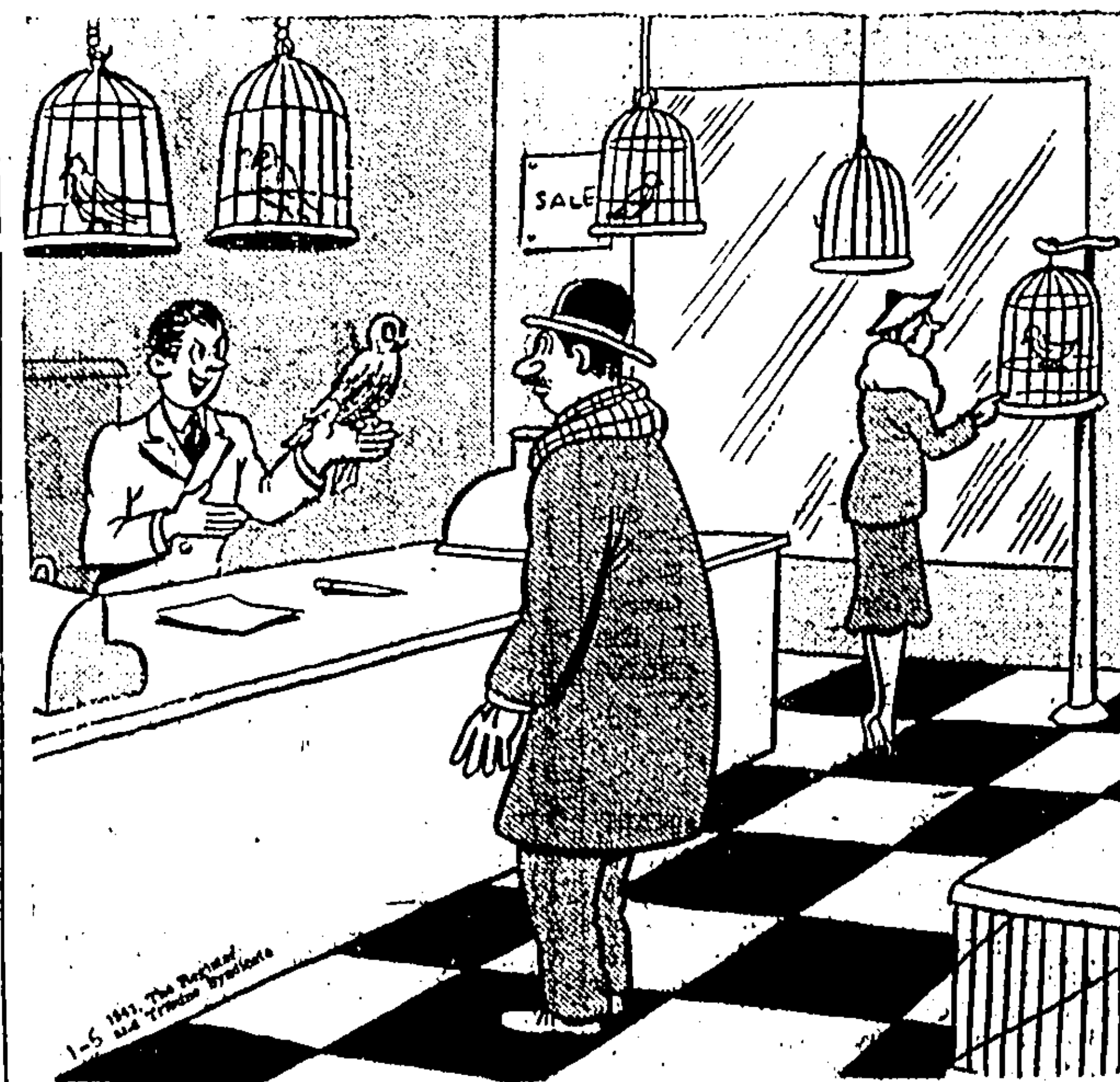
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BRIDGE NOTES

CROSSED SIGNALS

By The Four Aces

The situation shown in to-day's hand is rather a common one, yet many players get their signals crossed as did East and West:

East, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ K Q J 8
♣ K 10 8
♠ Q 8 4 2
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 6 3
♠ K J 7 6
♥ 8 4
♦ A 10 9 6 3
♣ J 7

The bidding:
East South West North
1♣ 1♥ 2♣ 2♦
Pass Pass Pass 3♦

West led the three of clubs, dummy played the eight. East hopefully covered with the nine, and South won with the club Jack. Without even pausing to draw trumps, South returned the seven of clubs, snatching dummy's ten.

East took the club Ace and found himself unable to decide on the correct continuation. West's free club raise located either the spade King or heart Ace in his hand, but which? In order to find out, East laid down the spade Ace. If West had the spade King, East reasoned, he would signal encouragement; then East could ruff the third round of spades and wait for a heart trick to develop.

But West was asleep at the switch. Obviously South was trying to get a discard on dummy's club King; and just as obviously there was no way to prevent him from discarding a spade — if that would do him any good. But West's heart Ace and his partner's heart bid made it clear that a speedy shift to hearts could prevent a heart discard. Therefore West should have played the discouraging deuce of spades to induce a shift to hearts.

Instead West signalled for a spade continuation by playing the

eight of spades. That gave South the hand, for he took the spade continuation with his King, threw trumps, and discarded a heart on the King of Clubs. He then cheerfully conceded a spade and one heart, making his contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 8
♣ J 4
The bidding:
Maler You Jacoby Schenken
3♦ (?)

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Even if your partner has nothing, your hand should produce at least five spade tricks and a heart or two, so no great harm can develop from your overcall. The three spades show the nature of your hand more precisely than a double would.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for double.

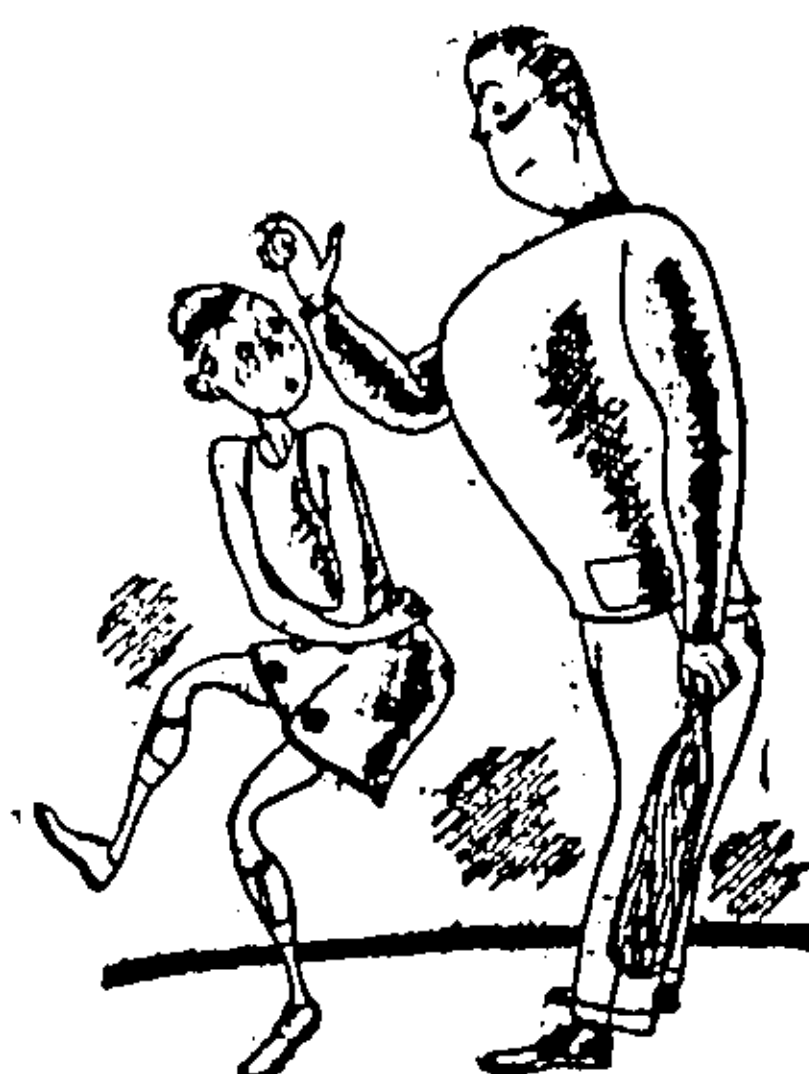
Question No. 664

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 9 6
♥ K J 4 2
♦ 3
♣ A J 4
The bidding:
Maler You Jacoby Burnstone
3♦ (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

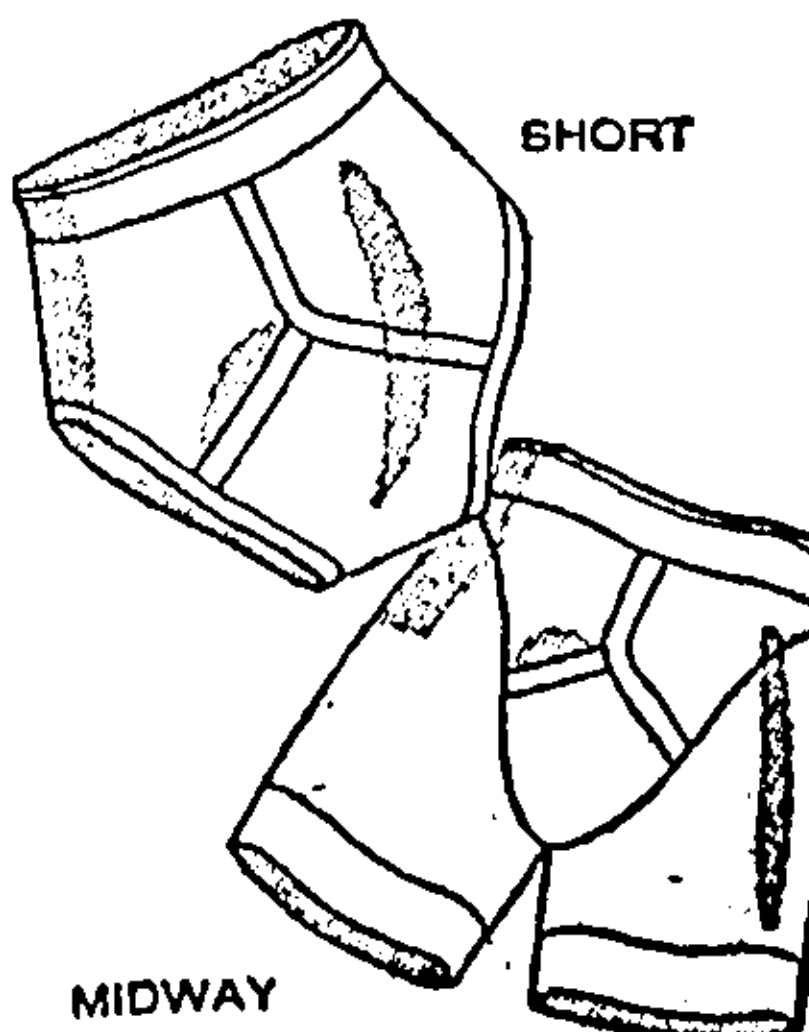
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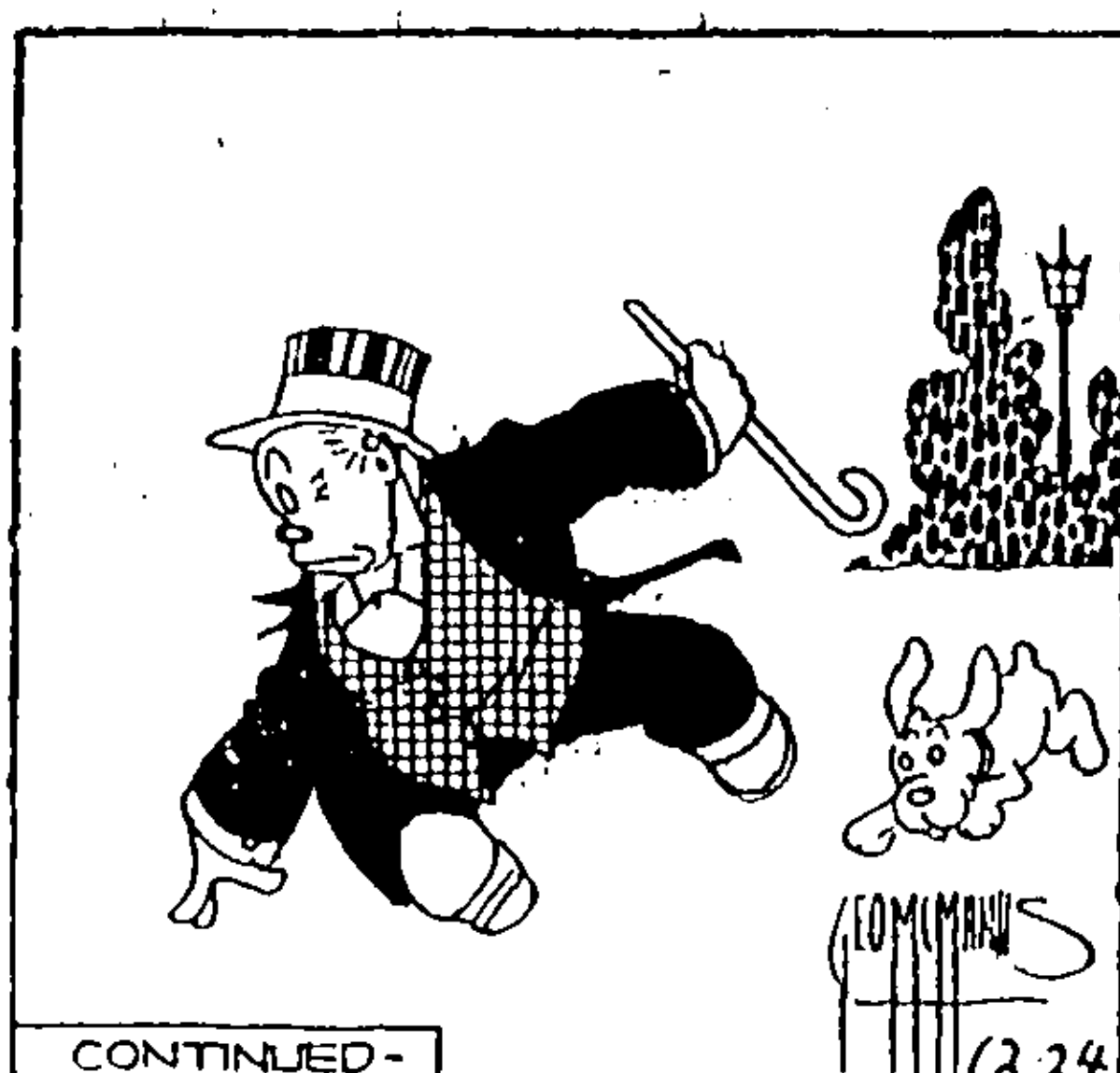
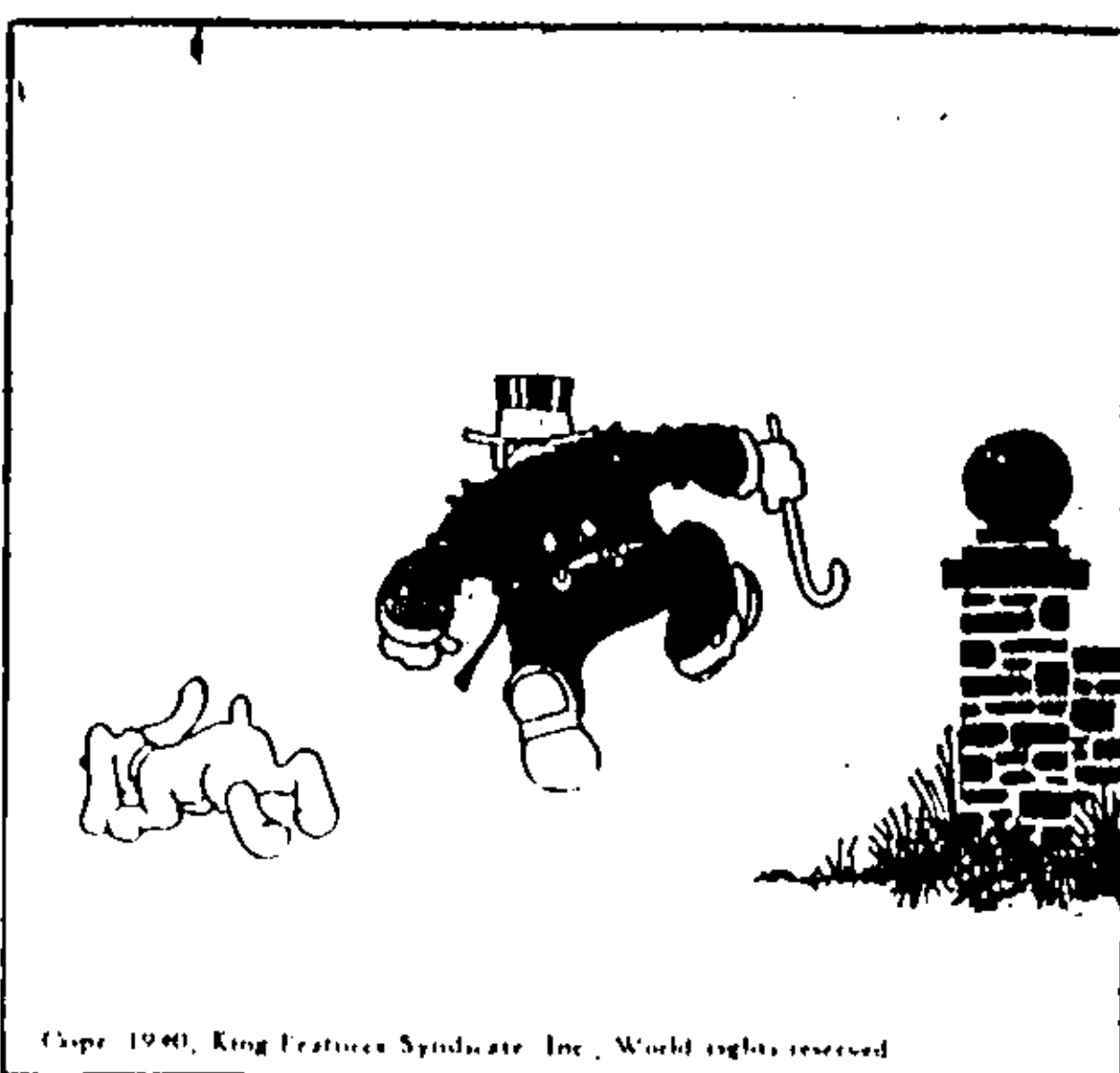
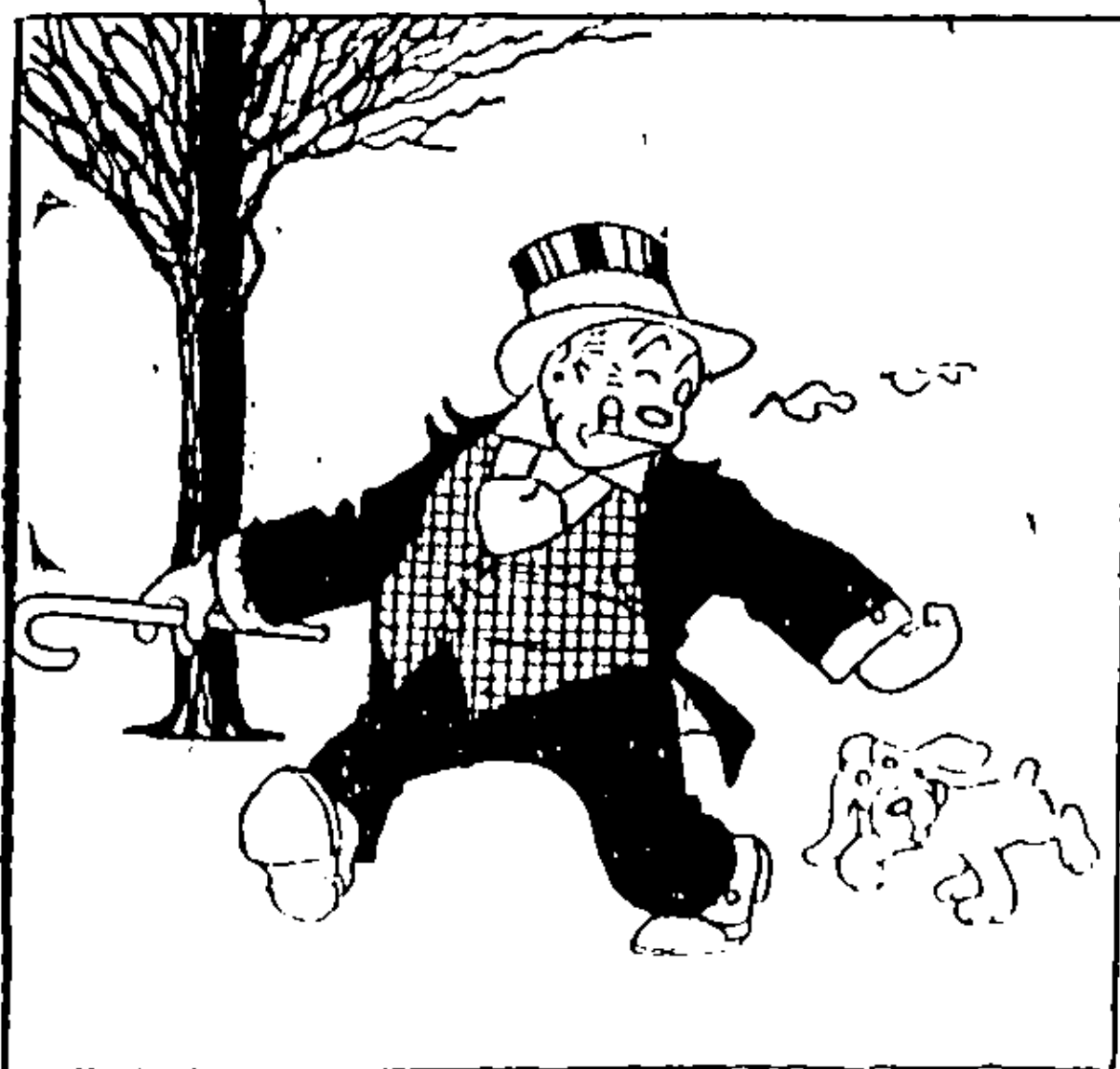
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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 86 in D Major.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

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Adore (West).

Always In My Heart (Talk & Coots).

7.40 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. by His Honour Sir A. D. A. MacGregor, Kt., K.C.

7.50 p.m.—Songs by Derek Oldham (Tenor).

For Only You (film 'Let's make a night of it').

Waltz Song (from 'A Waltz Dream').

Whisper in your Dreams (film 'Melody of my Heart').

8.02 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Songes D'Automne (Joyce). After The Ball (Harris). Orchestra Mascotte.

The Last Drops (Kratz). The Blue Danube (Strauss). Magyari Imre & His Hungarian Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Military Band Music.

Britannia Slow March (Medley of National Songs—arr. Trayton Adams). Drake's Drum (Trayton Adams). Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.

English Folk Songs and Dances (arr. Fairfield). Regimental Band of H.M. Irish Guards.

8.45 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

The Bay of Biscay (Davy). The Saucy Arethusa (Trad.). Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra & Male Chorus.

Sea Shanties—Medley. Intro. What shall we do with the drunken sailor. Shenandoah. Blow the Man down. Bound for the Rio Grande. Whisky Johnny. Fire Down Below. Hula-balo-Balay. Billy Boy. Gerald & His Accordion Band with Male Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

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Spring will Come... Heinrich Schlusnus (Baritone) with Piano.

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Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel... Elisabeth Schumann with Piano.

Rondo, Op. 53... Joseph Sziget (Violin) with Piano acc.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'By The Way'.

10.15 p.m.—Sibelius—Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 43.

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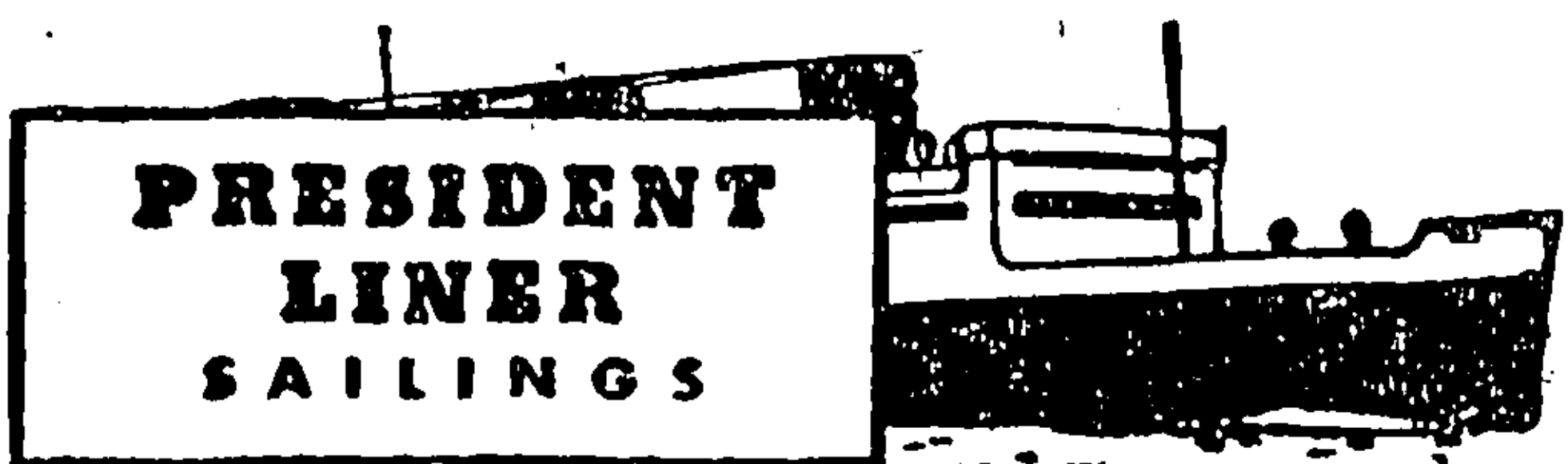
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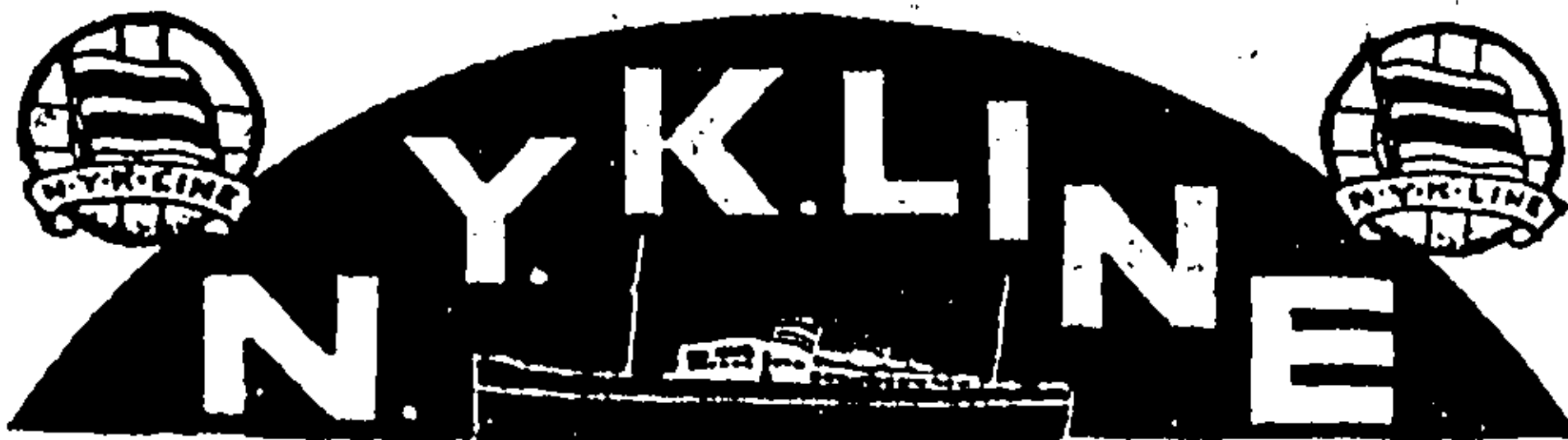
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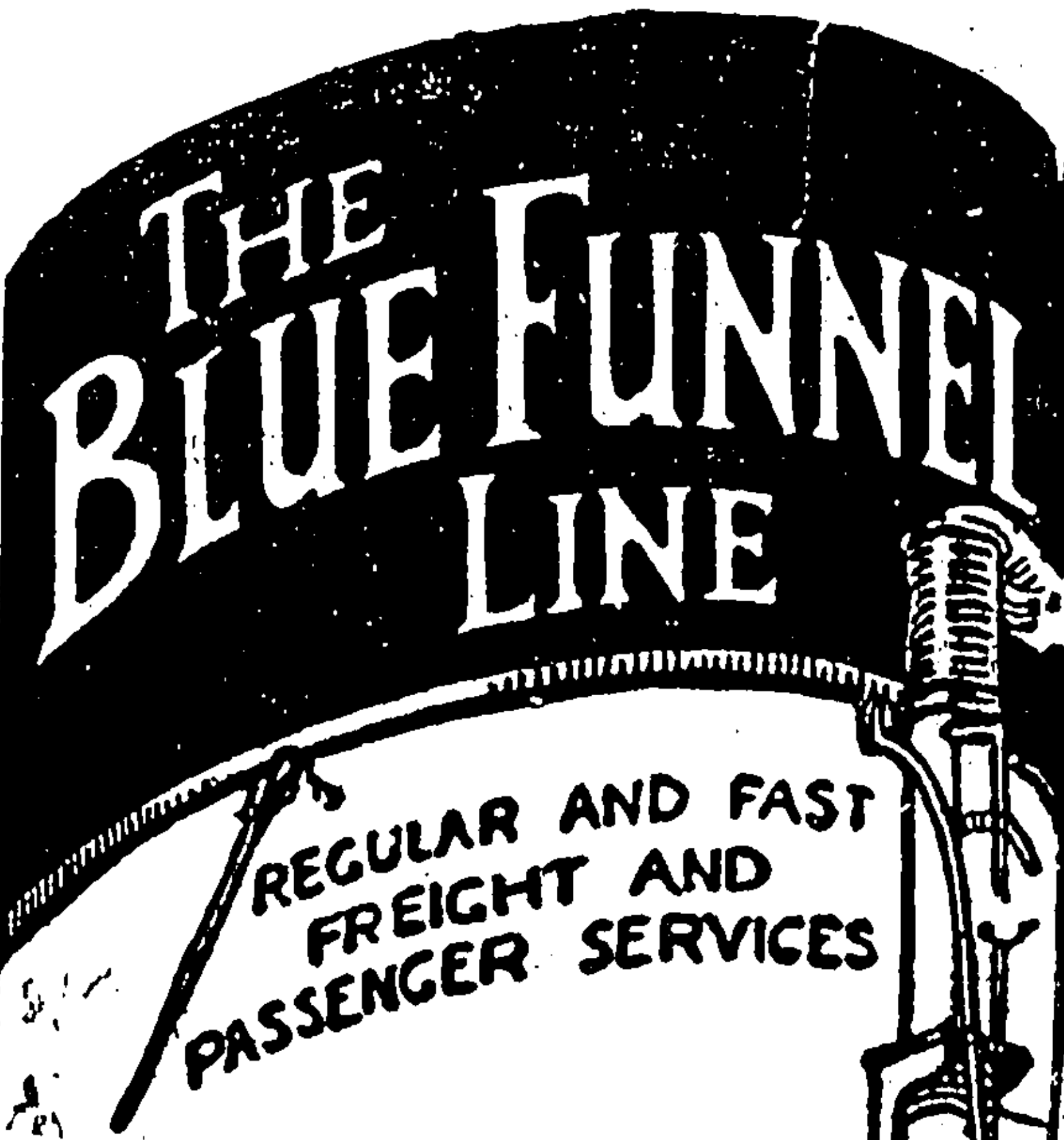
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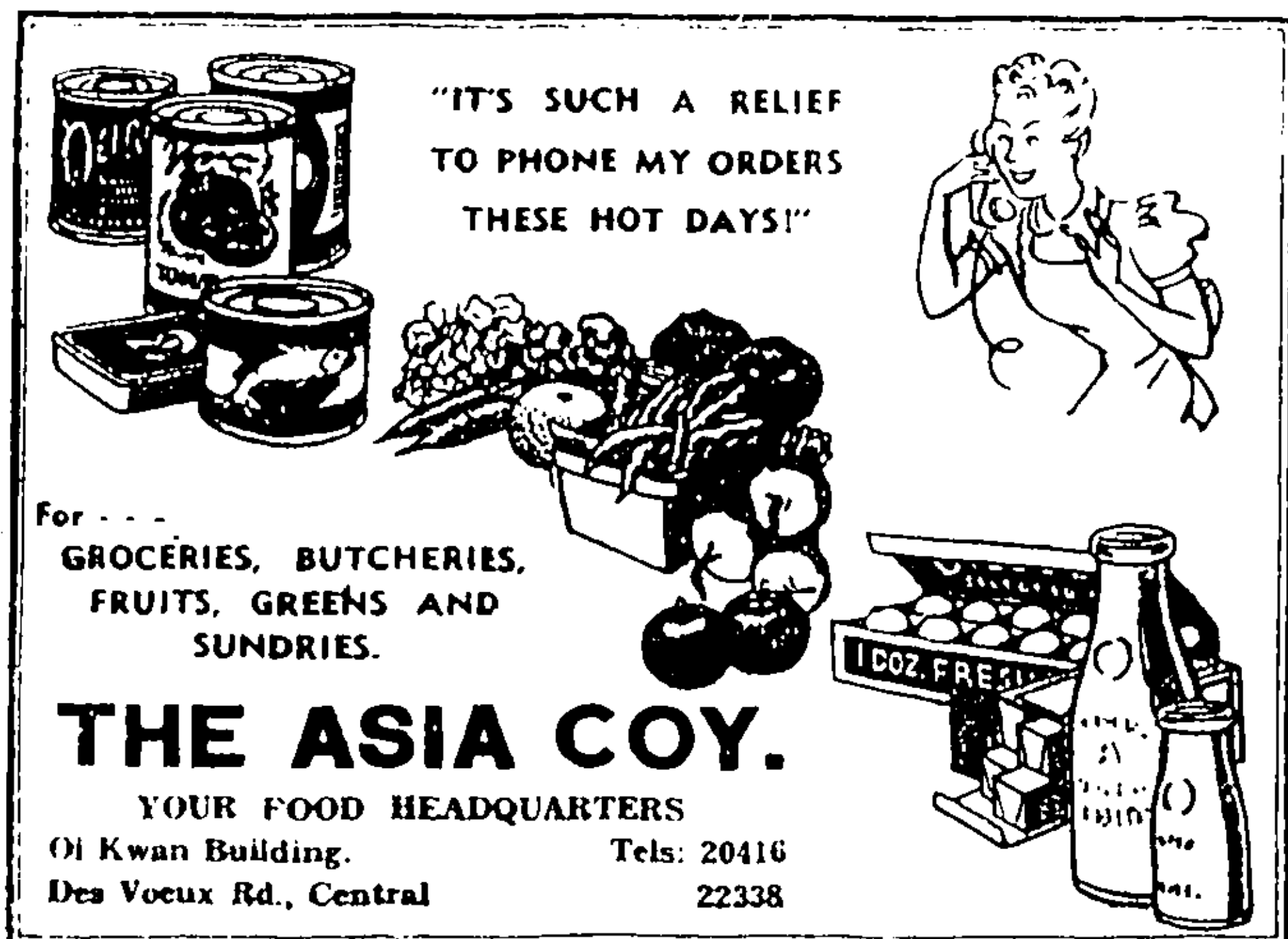
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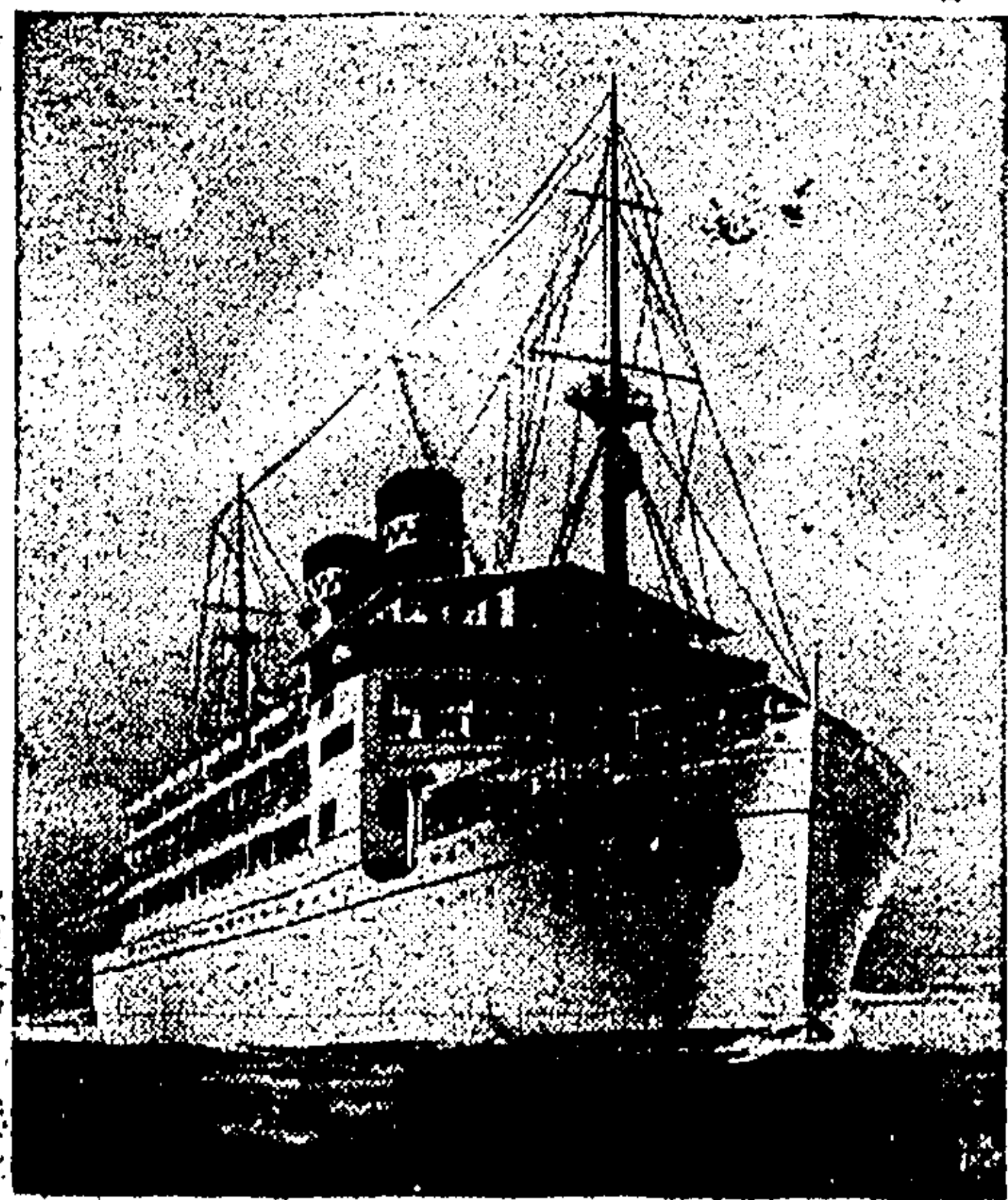
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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

A PARTICULARLY brilliant score was compiled by C. W. Engle of the U.S.S. Tulsa on February 27, his effort being 258 at Ten Pins, which ties Cpl. J. H. Watts' 258 for the highest score for the month, made on February 13.

Engle's score-sheet shows that he started off with three strikes in a row, a spare on his fourth, then five more strikes in succession, a spare on his 10th frame and a strike with the extra ball. Undoubtedly it was good bowling.

Several good matches were played off in the Singles Handicap Competition since my last Jotting—the competition is in the semi-final stage.

Corp. Watts, of the Royal Signals, played W. D. Gardner on February 27, and, as was expected, won very comfortably by 85 pins, despite the heavy handicap. Watts' handicap was plus 20 and Gardner's plus 50.

The scores were:—Cpl. J. H. Watts 528 and Gardner 443.

Watts played with his usual ability and never seemed to worry much about the 90 pins he had to give away, but Gardner was not comfortable and bowled much below his usual form.

Unusual Match

There was rather an unusual match played in the third round of the Singles Handicap Competition, on March 11, between L/Cpl. H. B. Wilkins of Royal Corps of Signals and Jack Odell. I say it was unusual because Wilkins trounced Odell by no less than 154 pins, when it was expected that it would be a very tight game.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Odell's plus 33, and the scores were:—Wilkins 552 and Odell 398.

Wilkins bowled consistently well, and his 214 in his second game completed the debacle of Odell.

Odell was right off but I understand that he has been very busy of late with Volunteer Camps.

The U.S.S. Gold Star arrived at the end of February, coinciding with a visit of the U.S.S. Tulsa, so a return match was arranged to be played on March 1—the previous match was played when the two ships happened to be in port on January 13, Gold Star winning on that occasion by 75 pins.

In the return match, Tulsa made no mistake, winning convincingly by no less than 323 pins, the scores being:—Tulsa 3141 and Gold Star 2812.

Star Bowler

Peterson of Tulsa was star bowler of the match with a useful 839, while Niehoff also of Tulsa, was second highest scorer with 821.

Shanty Moore of Tulsa, who was third with 785, would have done much better if he had not been so erratic. With a good 190 in his first game, he fell down to 108 in his second, 129 in his third, 153 in his fourth, and then a burst to finish with 205, the highest individual score of the match.

Feature of this match was the fact that there were only two scores of 200 or over registered. Moore notched 205 in his fifth game, and Peterson 202 in his first.

Skiver's Success

R. E. Skiver, of U.S.S. Mindanao, made no mistake in beating E. H. Brazel in the Third Round of the Singles Handicap Competition on March 3; he won comfortably by 75 pins. Skiver's handicap was plus 33 and Brazel's plus 46 and the scores were:—Skiver 430 and Brazel 355.

There was rather a surprise when C. M. Williams beat Signalman A. Cleggett in the fourth Round of the Singles Handicap Competition on the same day. Williams won by no less than 74 pins when it was expected that Cleggett would win the encounter.

Williams' handicap was plus 43 and Cleggett's plus 26. The scores were:—Williams 500 and Cleggett 426.

C. I. Sepitsky play A. W. Muenger in the Third Round of the same competition on March 6, this being the last match to be played in this round. Sepitsky's handicap was plus 43 and Muenger plus 36, and the scores were:—C. I. Sepitsky 311 and Muenger 308.

These were not good scores for players who had reached the third round. Actually, the highest score—a mere 119—was made by Muenger. Both players were right off form.

Still Winning

Master Gunner Cooper beat L/Cpl. H. B. Wilkins in the Fourth Round on March 7.

It was a very close call for he just managed to scrape home by the narrow margin of 10 pins. Cooper's handicap was plus 43 and Wilkins' plus 30. Scores:—Cooper 482 and Wilkins 472.

Cooper will now meet Williams in the semi-final.

The other semi-finalists are Cpl. Watts and Sepitsky.

The records for the month of February were as follows:—

| TEN PINS | |
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| Ladies' | |
| Mrs. A. Morton | 174 |
| Men's | |
| Cpl. Watts | 253 |
| C. W. Engle | 258 |
| DUCK PINS | |
| Men's | |
| A. Cleggett | 149 |

HOOI WINS FIRST MATCH

Following are the results of the opening matches of the Badminton championships.

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. L. Anderson beat H. Weng-toh 15-10, 18-15, (5-2).

SENIOR SINGLES

P. K. Hooi beat S. Amplavanar 15-5, 15-7.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo 18-16 (5-3), 12-15, 15-8.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—
AT CLUB DE RECREIO

Men's Senior Singles

C. Au v. H. C. Eardley. (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Doubles

F. Kwok and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang. (7.45 p.m.).

R. M. Lavalie and N. A. Beltrao v. M. Talan and H. Odell. (8.30 p.m.).

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey on the "Y" ground on Saturday:

1st XI v. Khalsa (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell, Taylor, Yourieff, Jordan, Coombes, Waldron, Spenceclayh, Morgan, Hitchcock, Ure, Dunne.

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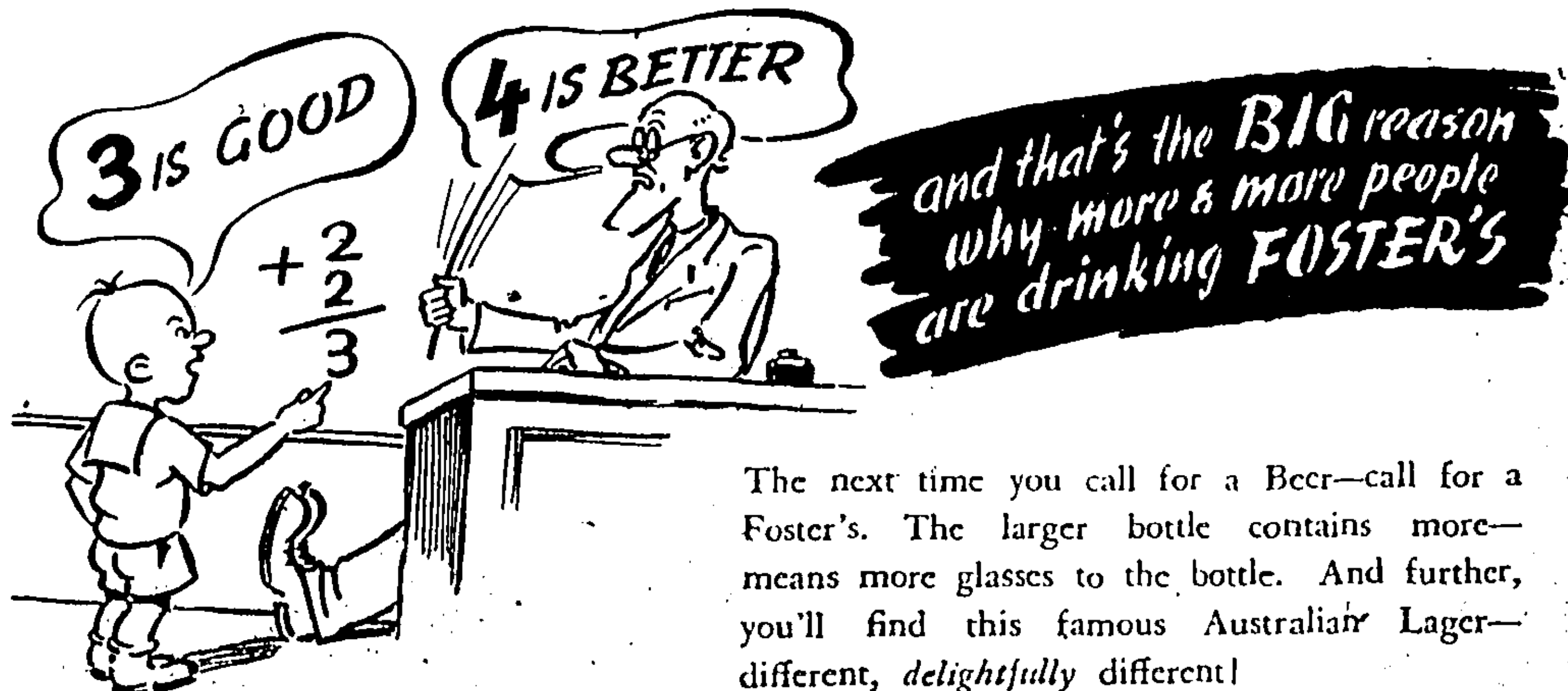


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The grass track, which was affected by rain recently, has improved considerably during the last two days, but I doubt whether there will be any major upsets, though there is always the possibility of favourites being beaten when least expected.

All the visiting jockeys have returned North, so that to-morrow's meeting will mark the resumption of local rivalry. Mr. Black has been most successful so far, and, together with Mr. Needa, should command the most support.

I have been given to understand that Mr. P. Y. T. Wei will be in charge of Cite's ponies as they are not being sent back to Shanghai this year.

RANDWICK PLATE (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The programme opens with a race for Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not scored a win since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting.

Jus Gentium (Mr. Black) is the obvious choice for a win here in view of its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions.

I consider Vitamin M to be the only pony among the entries that may be able to make a strong challenge. Seal River (Mr. Hearne) or Snow White (Mr. Pih) might, with a little luck, take one of the minor places.

LOITERERS STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

New Griffins that have not won a race will try conclusions here, and Charlesber, although it disappointed badly on its last outing when it was beaten by Sam's Choice by a short head in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, should be strongly supported. Personally I rather fancy its chances.

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei) which was third to Charlesber in the race referred to above, is dangerous as it can move pretty fast though lacking in stamina. However, if Mr. Wei is able to hold the pony back until the last quarter, it may yet spring a surprise.

Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Tao) should not have any difficulty in securing the third place.

For those who are habitually on the lookout for an outsider, I suggest Night Express (Mr. Ip Kuying); this pony seems to be improving, judging by its morning gallops.

RANDWICK PLATE (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

Second section of non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins of 1941 will figure in this race, and, judging by results, I expect the finish to resolve into a battle between the following:—

Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao);
Coralair (Mr. P. P. Botelho);
Daylight (Mr. Wei);
Hole In One (Mr. Hearne); and,
Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chang).
Corsair came in third in the Flemington Plate (First Section) over the mile, and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Bona Vacantia, which did extremely well in the first section of the Perth Plate, when it came in second to Moonlight.

Daylight, with a change of jockey in Mr. Wei, is expected to be near at the finish, while Sydney Diamond, which was a disappointment during the Carnival, but has yet to show its true form, is a possible for a win to-morrow.

Hole In One was well thought of during morning gallops before the Annual Race Meeting, but after running unplaced in the Australian Valley Stakes, it never started again for the remainder of the meeting. If it strips to-morrow, it is quite capable of extending the above-named ponies.

MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is confined to "B" Class, Australian Subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy) for its second placing to Brutus in the Ladies' Purse has been penalised 5 lb., which I think is not too severe a handicap.

However, the distance is only a mile and I fancy it to win.

Conkleber (Mr. Chao), for its third placing to Springhurst, is up by a pound and it will probably take second place.

Devonian (Mr. Black), ran poorly in the Ladies' Purse. It led the field until the Football Stands for the second time round and then faded out of the picture. In view of its light weight, however, coupled with the shorter distance to-morrow, I think it has a grand opportunity of reversing its defeat at the hands of the above two ponies.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Trevorton) was only a short head behind Springhurst, the second pony in the Bendigo Handicap, from the two mile post, and for that reason it can be relied upon to give a good account of itself in this race.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is another likely challenger which may conceivably cause an upset here.

Everything considered, I think Springhurst should win with Conkleber second and Vixen Tor third, leaving Devonian the pony to cause

the upset:—If there should be one at all.

RANDWICK PLATE (THIRD SECTION): ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Doubles" and is confined to third section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not won a race at the Annual Race Meeting.

From the entries I recommend Black Seal, which will be taken out by Mr. Needa, as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down among prospective winners.

Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but among this field I think it should win.

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang), which was third in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over this distance, should fill second place, with Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan) taking the other place. Strathalbyn (Mr. Black) and Harmony Star (Mr. P. P. Botelho) are promising outsiders.

MELBOURNE CUP: TWO MILES

Australian ponies of past and present seasons that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941 will compete in this event, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between the following ponies:—

Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa);
Viceroy (Mr. Black);
First Love (Mr. Liang);
Fleetwing (Mr. Poy); and,
Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis).

Baffin Bay will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and, on form, should have no difficulty in winning.

Viceroy won the Kara Kara Handicap on the third day of the Annual Meeting, and it should fill second place, while for third place it should be a fight between First Love and Marsh Warbler.



For an outsider, I recommend Fleetwing.

BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "C" Class, Australian Subscription Ponies.

Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), is undoubtedly the best and has accordingly been allotted top weight. In view of its performance in the Benarba Handicap (Two Miles), when it came in second to Centre Court carrying the same weight, and as the distance is only a mile, I reckon that if it is allowed to make the running from the start, instead of being held for a spectacular last-quarter rush, it should have little difficulty in winning for the first time this year.

The pony to watch, however, is Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) which should give Venus Bay a keen fight.

There is also Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) to be considered as this pony is good enough to extend the above two ponies.

My choice is Venus Bay to win, with Cheerful Star second and Shuttlecock third.

RANDWICK PLATE (FOURTH SECTION): ONE MILE

Fourth Section of 1941 non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins will fight out the issue in this race and from their performances during the Carnival I should not be far wrong in suggesting A Rosy Time (Mr. Black), which was second in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over the mile, as the likely winner.

However, there is Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne) to be reckoned with as this pony ran a good second in the Blue Mountains Plate (Second Section) over this distance, and Optima Fide (Mr. Chao), which is also good enough to win. Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should also be in the picture in the final run home.

OAKLEIGH PLATE: ONE MILE

This is the final event of the day, for Australian Ponies, griffins of this season that have not won.

Looking over the entries, Oracle (Mr. Needa) appears the logical choice for a win in view of its second placing in the Austral Racing Stakes to Colooma, while Prairie View (Mr. Pih), which came in second to A Luxurious

Time in the Caulfield Stakes, should have no difficulty in taking second place.

Mr. Chao has the choice between Nomine Poenae and Vis Major in this race and if he decides to take the latter it should be well up at the finish.

King's Welcome has been a disappointment thus far but may do well to-morrow when least expected. My choices for first three are Oracle, Prairie View and Vis Major.

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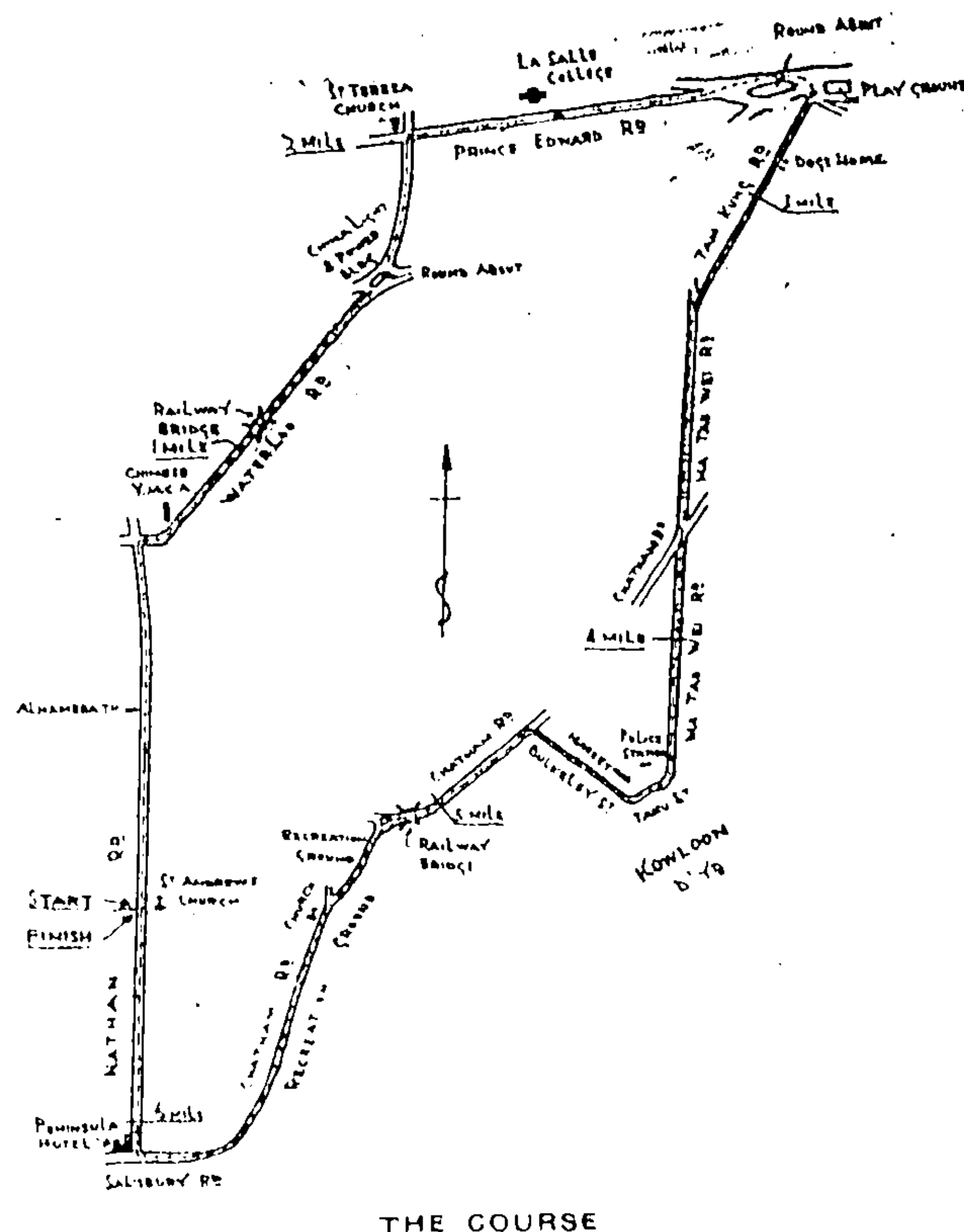
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MACAO RACING POSTPONED

The next race meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, originally scheduled for March 23, has been postponed to April 6.

**LEE WAI-TONG
NOT CHOSEN**

It is curious to note that Lee Wai-tong has not been included in the alternative team.

CRICKET

The Craigengower v. Reecroft Cricket League match has been postponed.

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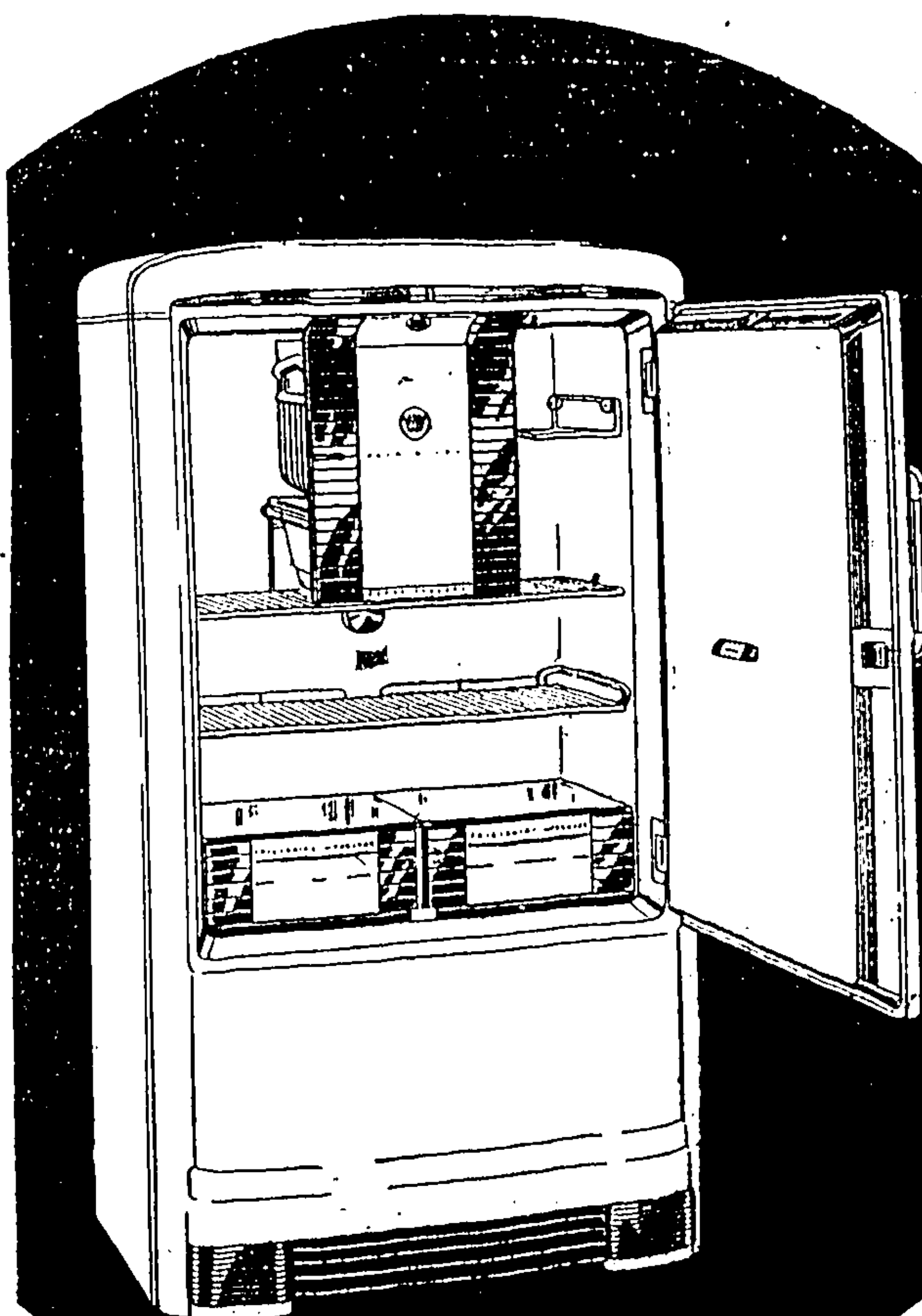
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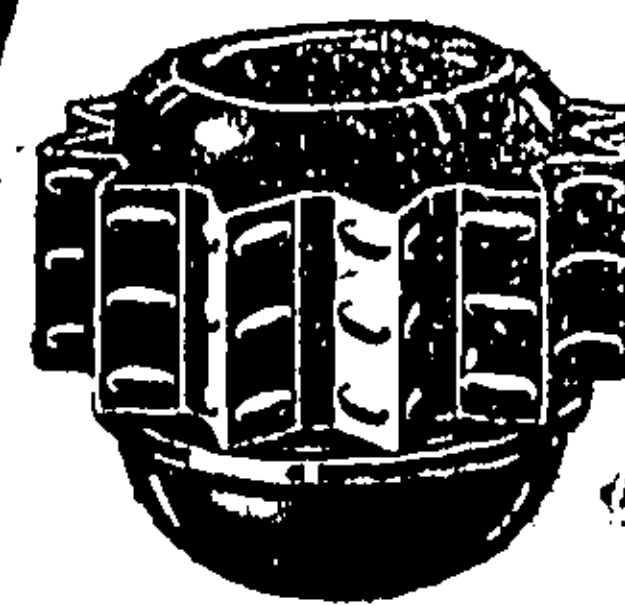
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CLOSING IN ON KEREN

Advances In All Sectors In East Africa Operations In South Bogged

THE ADVANCE OF THE Imperial troops in Italian Somaliland continues in all sectors, according to yesterday's Cairo communique, which states that there is nothing of importance to report from Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia.

In Eritrea, our troops are closing in on Keren. In Abyssinia, our advance on Debra-Marcos continues, while in the south, in the Lake Rudolf area, operations have been held up by heavy rain.

Asosa Captured

Our advance forces are now 90 miles from Jijiga, which is linked by road with Harar, the second largest town in Abyssinia.

It is pointed out that we are advancing along the road which the Italians built in their campaign against the Ethiopians. A Nairobi communique records some progress in the advance from the south towards Addis Ababa.

Following Up Retreat

Patriot forces, it is now confirmed, have occupied Yavello, 70 miles north of Mega.

The patriots are following up the Italian retreat in cooperation with Imperial forces from Molo.

In Italian Somaliland, British forces surprised the enemy at Daghabur, a post 100 miles south of Jijiga, and captured prisoners and lorries in which they were preparing to escape. — Reuter.

Maintaining their relentless pressure following the fall of Meidi, 45 miles inside Abyssinia from Kismuk, the British forces have now taken Asosa, 40 miles south-east of Kismuk.

The town was captured on Tuesday evening after combined operations by the Sudan Defence Force and East African troops. Details of the action have not yet been received. — Reuter.

INDIANS FIGHT IN INTERNMENT CAMP

A fight occurred yesterday between two Indian constables on guard duty at the Chinese Soldiers' Internment Camp in Argyle Street, resulting in one being admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, and the other being suspended from duty and detained.

It is alleged that one of the men used an iron bar.

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ITALIAN OFFENSIVE ON COASTAL SECTOR

(Continued from Page 1)

A Greek communique. The communique says: "The enemy continued his offensive throughout the day, launching repeated violent attacks along a wide front all day.

"Large forces of infantry were used, supported by strong artillery and many aircraft.

"Our troops repulsed all enemy attacks, inflicting heavy losses.

"Our aircraft successfully bombed military targets, and our anti-aircraft guns brought down two enemy aircraft." — Reuter.

Three Divisions Decimated

A press report states that the Italian offensive against the Greeks has ended in complete failure. Three Italian divisions have been decimated.

Since Wednesday afternoon the enemy on the central front has attempted no further assaults.

During six days fighting, Italian losses are estimated at more than 10,000, including at least 2,000 dead and 3,500 prisoners, including 60 officers. Fifty officers have been killed and over 250 wounded.

Prisoners continue to assert that Mussolini has been at the front and probably is still somewhere in Albania trying to rally his army. Two days ago he was reported as being in the Tepelini area where he lunched with General Rossi, a divisional commander. — British Wireless.

1941 WHEAT CROP

Limitation in the amount of the 1941 wheat crop to be accepted by the Canadian Wheat Board to 230,000,000 bushels, as announced by Mr. James Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, will need a reduction of approximately 35 per cent of wheat acreage.

Farmers who use the remaining acreage in certain specified ways will be compensated, it was stated in Ottawa yesterday. — Reuter.

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STRANGER ARRESTED IN IRELAND

A stranger, who stated he had landed during the night from a German aeroplane, was arrested by guards in County Wexford yesterday, says an official announcement in Dublin.

The man declared he came down at Ballycullaid, in the same county. — Reuter.

Y.M.C.A. THEFT MYSTRY

A LOSS OF JEWELLERY AND CLOTHING TO THE VALUE OF \$138.80 FROM THE LADIES' DRESSING ROOM AT THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A., KOWLOON, HAS BEEN REPORTED BY MISS S. M. BASKETT, OF THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

In a report to the Police last night, Miss Baskett stated that the loss occurred between 8 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. yesterday, while she was swimming.

Returning to the dressing room, she discovered that her overcoat, wrist-watch, a gold-cross, jumper and other articles had been stolen.

REPORTED MISSING

A 24-year-old European member of the crew of a Blue Funnel Line vessel in harbour has been reported missing, since 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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BEYOND STAGE OF WORDS

The message which President Roosevelt sent to Congress makes it perfectly clear that we have gone very far beyond the stage of words, that we have reached the stage of action and that we intend to take very practical step to make sure that Britain wins this war.

So declares the New York "Times," adding that the Axis Governments were wrong when they thought the United States would never intervene in this war.

They will be wrong again if they think we intend to produce vast quantities of finely finished weapons for our allies, only to have these weapons sunk in the Atlantic Ocean.

If it comes to the test, by one means or another, we shall see that they reach their destination, the paper concludes. — Reuter.

Ready To Sign Treaty But Not Axis Alliance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS in Belgrade last night put the final touches to a treaty of friendship and non-aggression which they are prepared to sign with Germany and Italy to-morrow.

While extreme secrecy surrounded the deliberations it was understood the agreement will eliminate any question of signing the Tripartite Pact.

Military clauses are to be omitted, obviating the necessity for any open change in Yugoslav neutrality.

Hitler and Mussolini were consulted by telephone on each phase of the treaty, which is expected to embrace a far-reaching economic clause plus a declaration of Yugoslav solidarity with the new Axis order.

A despatch to London from the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Belgrade states that more than a million men in Yugoslavia are under arms and that this number is increasing daily.

Opinion is gaining ground in the Yugoslav capital that Yugoslavia will refuse to enter into an alliance with the Axis.

From Budapest comes reports that the Yugoslavian Crown Council is expected to meet today in order to define how far they are prepared to go to meet Axis pressure.

It is stated that Yugoslavia is prepared to sign a pact of friendship with the Axis only which includes certain economic concessions.

According to the correspondent of the "Daily Mirror" Italy has placed some 60,000 troops in Scutari on the Yugoslav frontier. — International News Agency.

MORE POLICE NEEDED IN ROME?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE "EXTRAORDINARY RECRUITING" OF 8,500 ADDITIONAL ITALIAN POLICEMEN WAS ANNOUNCED IN ROME LAST NIGHT.

NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

still goes forward. In another article, Mr. Tierney says: I am reminded of a remark made by a shelter marshal—"You can tell them in America that Hitler can't lick the East End." Up to February 11, when I was there, Hitlerism most certainly had not. — Reuter.

RUMOURS ABOUT GREECE SQUELCHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Greek Minister in Washington, M. Timon Diamantopoulos, announced yesterday that Greece will stand firm and will fight to repel any German attack.

He squelched rumours that the Greeks would bow to the German demands and submit to a negotiated peace with Italy. — International News Service.

BRITAIN EAGER FOR HITLER TO TRY INVASION

WRITING IN A SERIES of articles in the New York "Post" entitled "After the war the editor believes," Paul Tierney says the British people will not crack.

The British defences are strongly manned and the people are eager for Hitler to attempt invasion. Britain will not starve.

The Nazi-held nations of Europe are being organised to take part in a great up-surge of revolution when the hour is ripe. British capital and British labour are working in marked harmony in the common cause.

Given shipping and given supplies, the British can and will carry the war to the Continent and bring Hitler to his knees.

In his first article in the series, Mr. Tierney wrote: I went to Britain fearing that Germany was on the verge of winning the war.

I have just come back certain that Germany will never win — confident, moreover, that Germany will be beaten decisively.

Good News

I went to Britain fearing that the spirit of the British people might crack under German pressure by air and sea. I return convinced that Britain will never

break, that the world can be swept clean of the Nazi evil and that we have a golden opportunity to make this hemisphere safe for generations by giving our utmost aid to Britain now.

So my report is optimistic. I bring you good news. . . . If Hitler aimed at the destruction of British war plant, he has failed almost completely, if he aimed at terrorisation of the civil population, he has failed entirely.

If I were asked to estimate how many buildings in London were actually damaged by explosion and fire, I should have to say not even one per cent.

To batter down the city will take Hitler more years than he will ever live.

Can't Be Licked

In Liverpool the great docks are intact, and I say that on the basis of extended observation. In Dover, bombed and shelled from across the Channel, civilian life

TURKEY RUSHING DEFENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported from Budapest that Turkey is rushing defence preparations at top-speed in anticipation of Axis action in the Balkans in the Spring.

All women and children have been ordered to evacuate Istanbul, the report adds, while air-raid precaution exercises have started in several regions in Turkish Thrace. — International News Service.

C.N.A.C. CRASH

No passengers were on board except the crew when a C.N.A.C. plane crashed in the vicinity of Taohsien, Hunan, flying from Hong Kong to Chungking on Wednesday, states the Shanghai "Shun Pao."

The entire crew are said to have been killed following the crash of the machine against a mountain. — Reuter.

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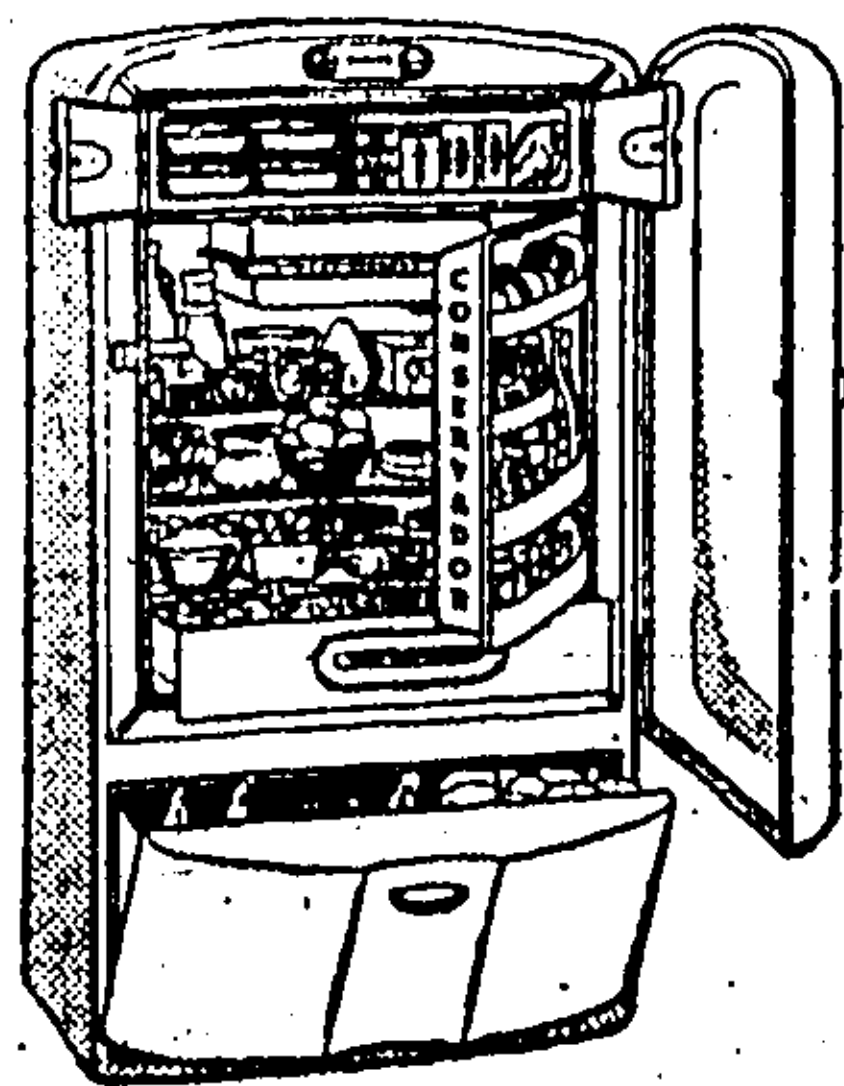
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R.A.F. STRIKES HARD AT REICH

Hundreds Of Bombers Over Bremen And Berlin

WHEN THE TIME COMES

"When the time comes the R.A.F. in the Middle East will strike the Germans as hard as it has struck the Italians," declared Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Commander-in-Chief of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, in an interview with the Greek newspaper "Ethnos" yesterday.

Asked to what he attributed the defeat of the Italian air force, Sir Arthur replied "In my opinion it is due to the death of inspired leaders and lack of organisation."

"In addition, Italian airmen have not the high morale and courage which come from the

GOEBBELS BURLLES

Four centuries of German history are in the course of revision, declared Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, speaking in Vienna on the occasion of the anniversary of the Austrian Anschluss.

Goebbels described the Germans as the greatest and soundest people on earth and the German army as the best in the world.

THERE REMAINED THE LAST ENEMY—ENGLAND.

Referring to Vienna's problems, he said everyone had burdens but they should remember that the Fuehrer bore the greatest burden of them all and was himself a son of Austria. —Reuter.

conviction that one is fighting for a just cause." — Reuter.

Blazes In Berlin Visible Over 100 Miles Away

A FORMIDABLE STRIKING FORCE OF BRITISH BOMBER COMMAND AIRCRAFT SWEEPED OVER GERMANY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT TO ATTACK HAMBURG, BREMEN AND BERLIN FROM SOON AFTER NIGHTFALL TO AN HOUR OR SO BEFORE DAWN.

Together the three attacks made the heaviest blow British bombers have yet struck at Germany. Over each objective there was a concentrated barrage, and to reach their objectives in Berlin the British bombers had to penetrate a continuous curtain fire.

The attack on Berlin lasted several hours and British crews were able to pick out streets, railways and lakes around the city almost as if they had been flying in daylight.

Fragments of shells hit the wings and under-carriage of one British 'plane but nothing prevented the pilot and bomb aimer completing their task.

They saw their bombs burst on the target in various parts of the city and the glow in the sky could be seen from 100 miles on the way home.

ONE PILOT SWOOPED DOWN THROUGH THE BARRAGE AND MACHINE-GUNNED HIS OBJECTIVE FROM JUST ABOVE THE ROOF-TOPS AND THEN FLEW ON TO ATTACK BARRACKS OUTSIDE THE CITY FROM THE SAME LOW LEVEL.

Long Half-Hour

One pilot, whose aircraft was caught in a cone of searchlights for half an hour, said it was the longest half hour he had ever known. He had been hovering around the outskirts of Berlin pinpointing his position and then he started to fly across the city.

A.A. fire grew fiercer and fiercer. Bursts were all around and clouds of smoke seemed to fill the air.

The light of searchlights passed the shadow of the aircraft against clouds of smoke so that at times it seemed as if there were three or four other aircraft flying in formation around it.

One pilot attacking a railway junction saw incendiaries hit the track and soon afterwards there was a tremendous explosion, followed by small explosions for fifteen minutes.

Bremen Onslaught

An important plant for the manufacture of war material was the chief objective at Bremen, where the results of the concentrated attack were among the most spectacular ever reported by British pilots.

Bursts were seen over the whole area of the works. Many buildings received direct hits and were seen to catch fire.

Elsewhere in Bremen, says the Air Ministry news service, the first signs of trouble were long lines of bursting incendiaries across industrial objectives and then the buildings themselves were seen to catch fire.

Air Combats

The defences of Bremen were almost as vigorous as those of Berlin and a number of German fighters attempted to intercept the British bombers, there being several inconclusive engagements.

Hamburg, too, had a sleepless night and just after 10 p.m. the first British raiders were dropping their bombs among the docks and shipping yards.

Fires flared high and some pilots reported seeing them clearly 70 and 80 miles away.

AS WELL AS THIS GREAT

CONCENTRATION OF AIRCRAFT OVER GERMANY. THE BOMBER COMMAND ALSO DESPATCHED A NUMBER OF HEAVY BOMBERS TO BOULOGNE, WHERE MANY HITS WERE SCORED ON THE DOCKS.

British fighters escorted a bomber squadron across the Channel soon after midday yesterday to attack the German-occupied aerodrome at Calais, says an Air Ministry communique.

Offensive Patrols

Bombs were seen to burst on the aerodrome and among aircraft dispersed at one end of it.

Other fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during the afternoon and destroyed an enemy fighter.

An enemy bomber which crossed the south coast was promptly intercepted and shot down in the sea.

One British fighter is missing from these operations.—Reuter.

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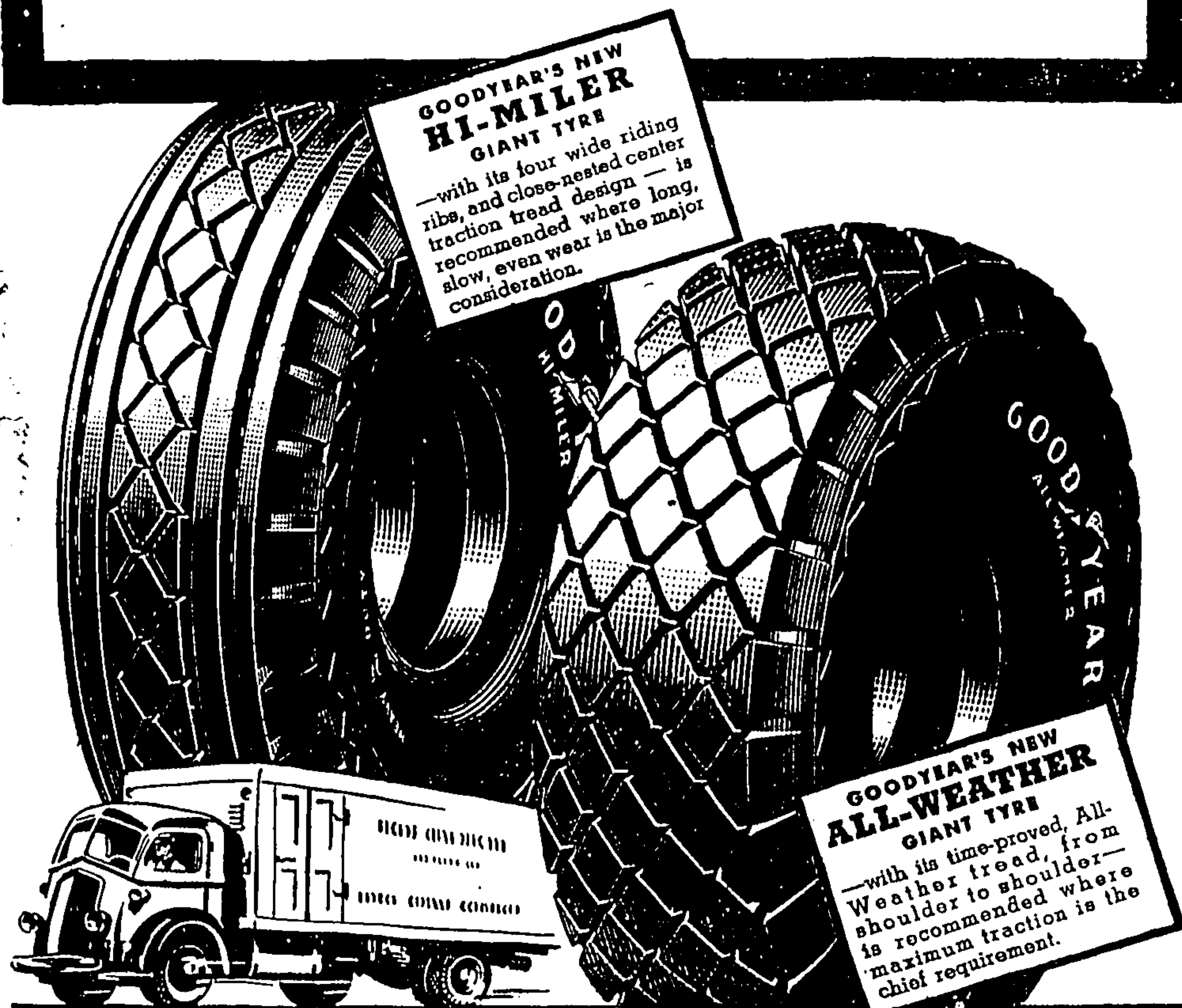
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Intensified Air Activity In And Round England

Widespread Night Raids In Progress

BRITISH FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN TWO MORE ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING YESTERDAY WITHOUT LOSS TO THEMSELVES. THIS OCCURRED WHEN, AT ABOUT DAWN, A SMALL NUMBER OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS CROSSED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST.

They did not penetrate far inland, however, before they were intercepted by British fighters.

A few bombs were dropped but they caused no casualties and little damage.

Otherwise there was little enemy activity up to noon.

In addition to the nine enemy bombers destroyed in Wednesday night's raid, the Air Ministry state that a number of other enemy bombers are known to have been damaged by various means and it is possible that several of them failed to return to their bases.

A German bomber with a full bomb load was shot down in the south of England shortly after dark last night.

Gigantic Explosion

As the machine crashed the bomb load went off in a gigantic explosion, smashing the machine to small fragments and killing the crew.

Explosion of the bombs could be heard 20 miles away.

Widespread Raids

Soon after dark enemy bombers were reported to be over many parts of the country, indicating more widespread attacks. The alarm was sounded in the London area.

AT A LATE HOUR THREE NAZI NIGHT RAIDERS WERE REPORTED BROUGHT DOWN LAST NIGHT, TWO OVER THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND COAST AND ONE IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. — REUTER.

U.S. DEFENCE PRIORITY

The American housewife will have to do without aluminium pots and pans in future, to help win the war for Democracy.

The aluminium utensil industry has been virtually told by the National Defence Priorities Board that they will not be able to get aluminium in future.

This ban on the manufacture of aluminium pots and pans is the first total restriction since the defence programme started. — Reuter.

BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA

HITHERTO NO PART OF THE BRITISH CREDITS TO CHINA HAVE BEEN USED FOR PURCHASES ABROAD, DECLARED MR. HARCOURT JOHNSTONE, SECRETARY FOR OVERSEAS TRADE, AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. M. Price (Lab) interposed: Is everything being done that can be done to assist the Chinese Republic in their present struggle?

Mr. Johnstone: Yes. — Reuter.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

The Greek destroyer Psara, escorting a convoy in the Aegean Sea, sank a submarine which attempted to attack the convoy.

This was announced by the Ministry of Marine in Athens yesterday. — Reuter.

THIRD HEAVY RAID ON RHODES

R.A.F. bombers, for the third successive night, launched a heavy raid on enemy aerodromes on the island of Rhodes.

A COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID SAYS THAT AT AMRITZA ALL BOMBS FELL ON THE AERODROME RUNWAY OR AMONG HANGARS.

Bombs caused explosions and a fire visible 20 miles away.

At Calato and Catania all bombs fell on the aerodromes. Several explosions and a fire were caused at Scarpanto. Despite anti-aircraft fire all our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange was very quiet yesterday. A small amount of routine selling caused occasional dullness but the undertone remains steady. Gilt-edged securities were a trifle easier but home rails improved on provincial enquiry. Industrials were narrowly irregular while oils were easier and Raffers were steady and unaffected by the Budget. Brazilian issues were supported. Wall Street was dull. — Reuter.

INDIAN PLAN TO ENCOURAGE RECRUITING

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED in Delhi yesterday stated that the Government of India have had under consideration the necessity of taking steps to ensure that services all desiring to assist in the prosecution of the war should be utilised to the fullest extent.

Youths suitable for emergency commissions are to be called for, also those suitable for civil employment.

There are reasons to believe that such persons may hesitate to apply for emergency commissions, fearing to lose permanently their chances of civil employment after the war. The Government consider it desirable to remove these apprehensions.

It has therefore been decided, with the approval of the Secretary of State for India, to leave 50 per cent of the annual vacancies occurring in the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police unfilled, with a view to their being made available after the war, to be filled by suitable candidates with war service.

This decision applies equally towards the recruitment of Indians and Europeans and towards recruitment made in India and England.

Reserved Vacancies

The Government of India propose to apply a similar scheme of reservation towards the Central Services with necessary modifications imposed by particular requirements in particular services.

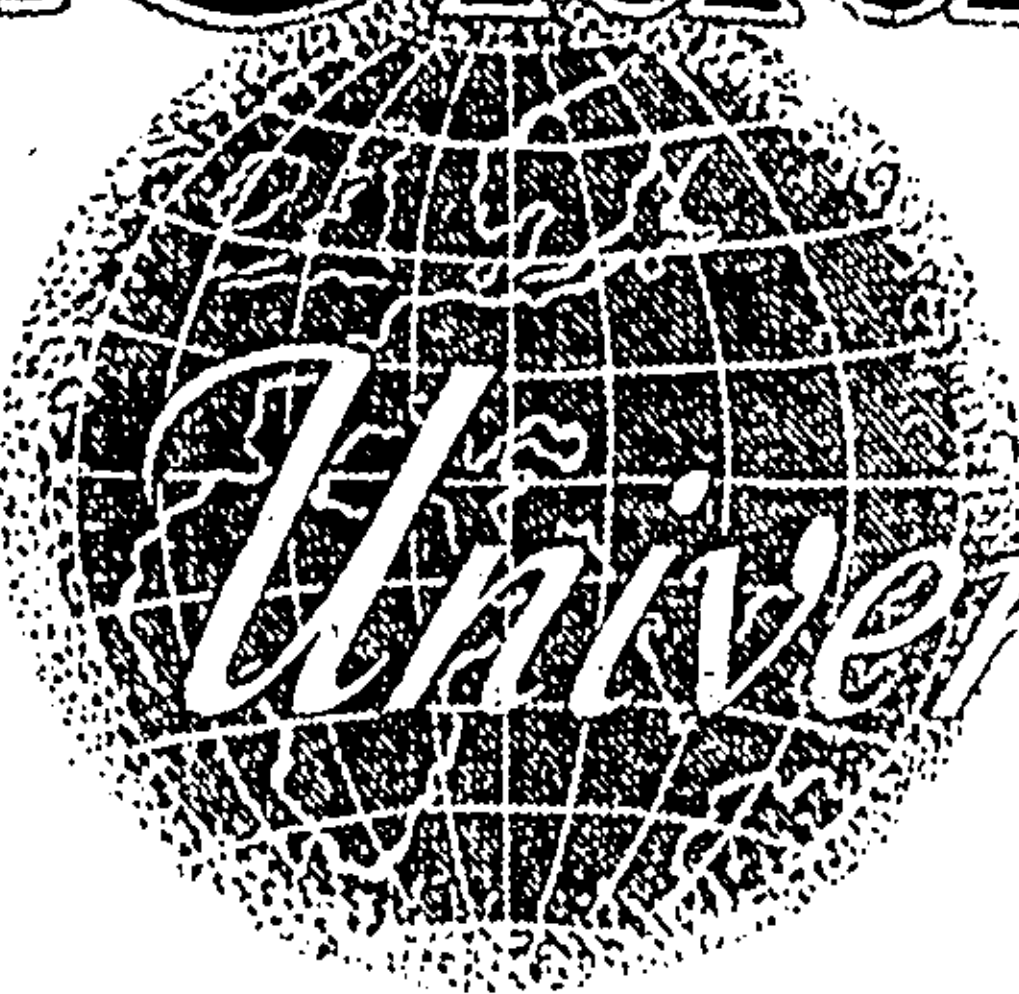
The provincial governments are expected to make their own pronouncements in respect of the services under their control.

Vacancies thus reserved are to be filled immediately after the war from candidates who have rendered approved war service.

The minimum educational qualifications, possession of which will be considered essential for the services in question, will be prescribed, but otherwise recruitment for such reserved vacancies will be made by election and due consideration given to a certificate of good service from the military commander of the unit in which the candidate had served.

Appointments are to be subject to the usual medical examination. — Reuter.

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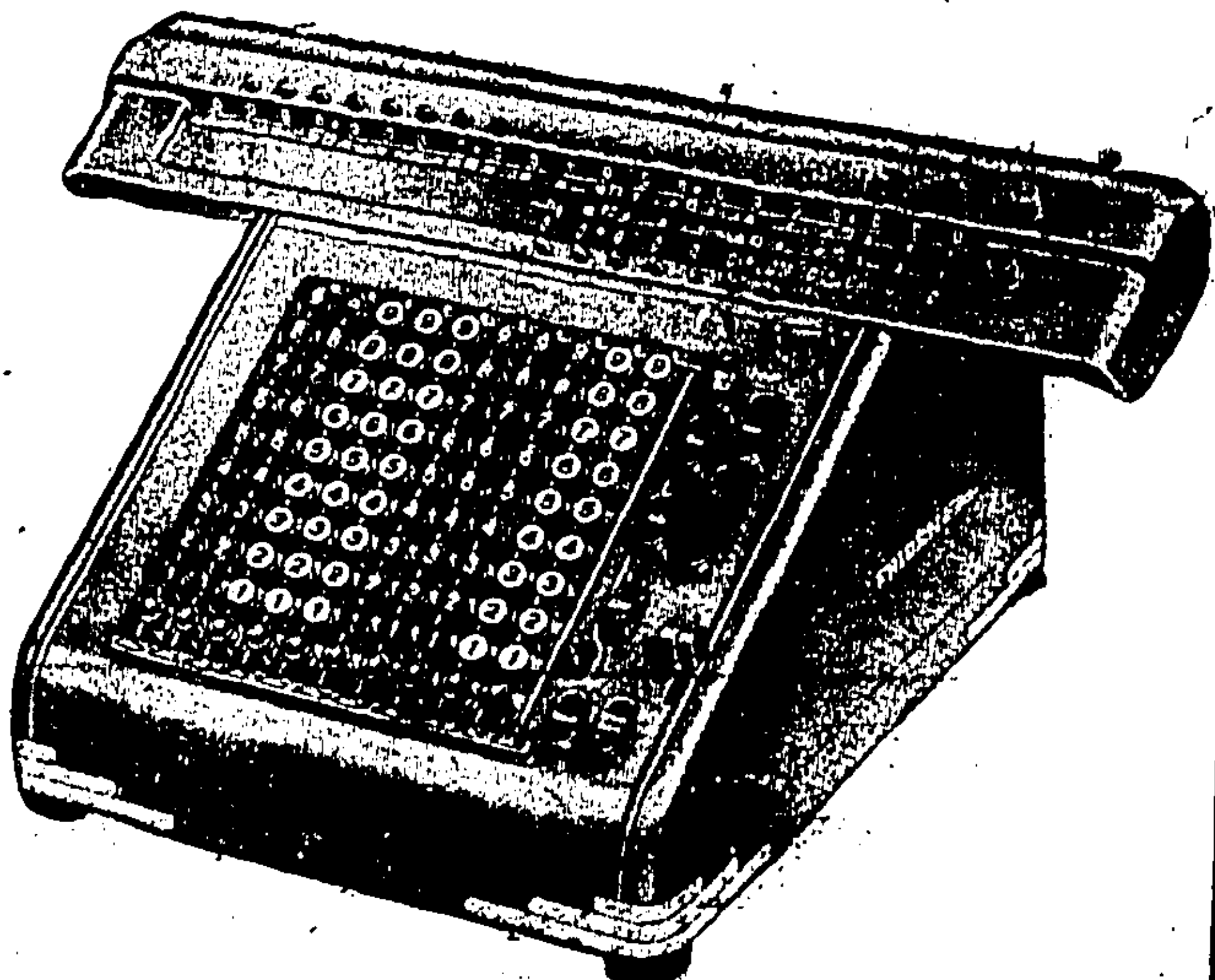
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INDIAN CONFERENCE BID TO TERMINATE DEADLOCK

THE BOMBAY CONFERENCE presided over by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru yesterday adopted a draft resolution which will be passed by the plenary session to-day.

After recording profound admiration of the heroism and undaunted steadfastness of the British people and paying a tribute to the Indian troops in the Middle East, the resolution urges the resources of India in men and materials should be used to the fullest advantage not only in self-defence but in helping the British people as fully as possible.

The resolution urges that simultaneously with the reconstruction of the central government, the British Government make a declaration that within a definite time limit after the conclusion of the war, India will attain constitutional status such as will be attained, for example, by the Dominions of Australia and Canada after the war.

Main feature of the suggested reconstruction is that the whole Executive Council should consist entirely of non-official Indians with joint responsibility for the period of the war, with the defence portfolio in charge of an Indian but with proper safeguards to maintain the position of the Commander-in-Chief as executive head of the Army, and the finance portfolio to be in the hand of an Indian.—Reuter.

Yugoslav Attitude

The Yugoslavs are resisting Nazi pressure, according to Ankara radio last night.

"The Yugoslavs are resolutely determined to remain neutral," said the Turkish announcer, "and German pressure is fast leading to anti-Axis feeling in Yugoslavia."

The announcer added that although an understanding between Germany and Yugoslavia was agreed on Wednesday, the subsequent change in the German demands seemed to have prevented the Yugoslavs from signing an agreement.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT GIFTS

Amongst recent gifts for the purchase of aircraft is one of £6,000 from the people of Jaipur for a third fighter plane while £10,000 comes from the West India States Warplanes Fund.—British Wireless.

MR. KAWAI ON AUSTRALIA'S FEARS

Australian fears of Japan were described as "completely unnecessary" by Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia, on arrival in Sydney yesterday.

Mr. Kawai said: "Australia is for the Australians and Asia for Asiatics," and he hoped to see a "geographical, social, commercial, economic and political axis between Australia and Asia."—Reuter.

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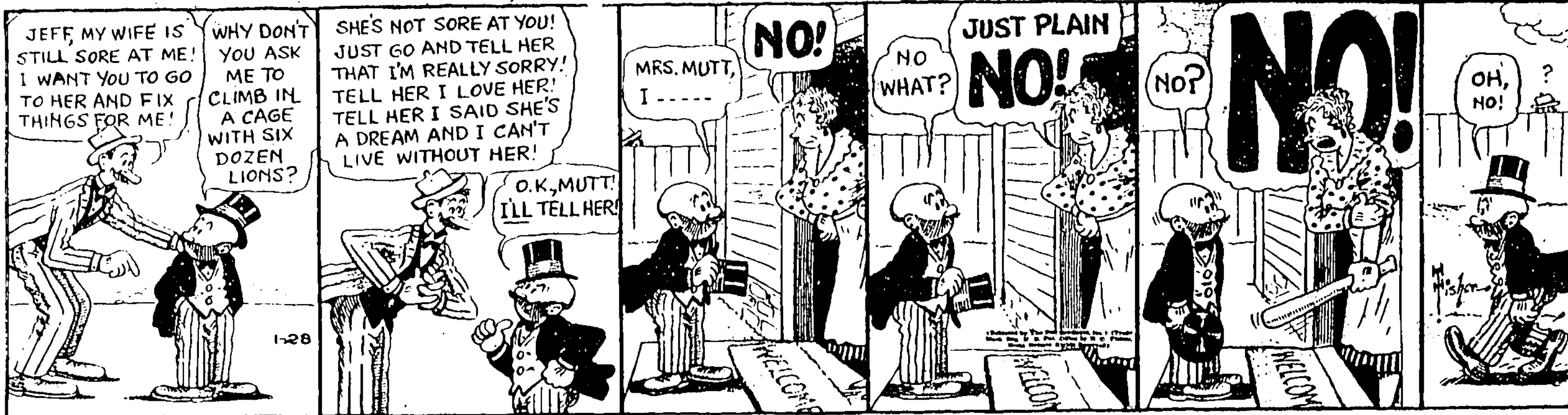
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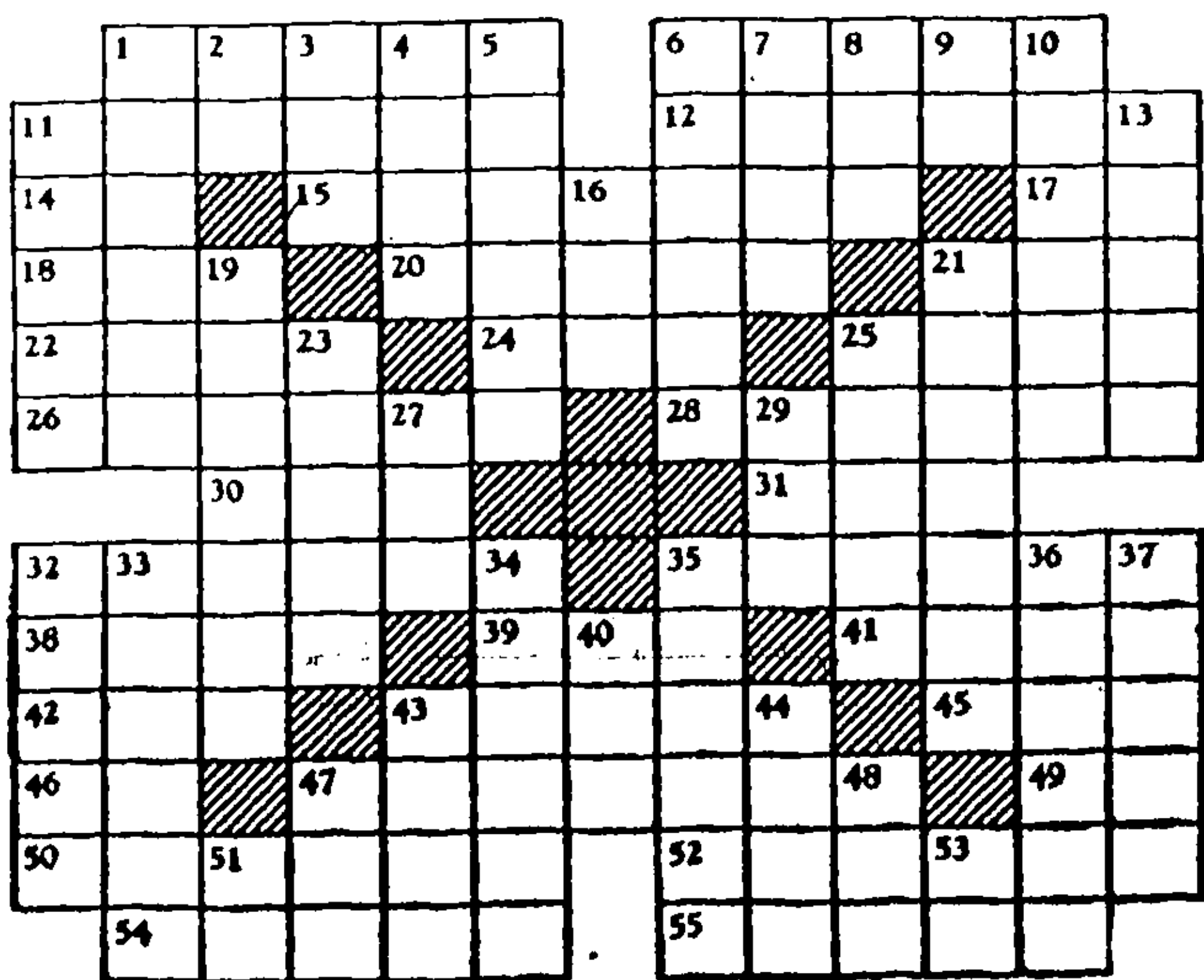
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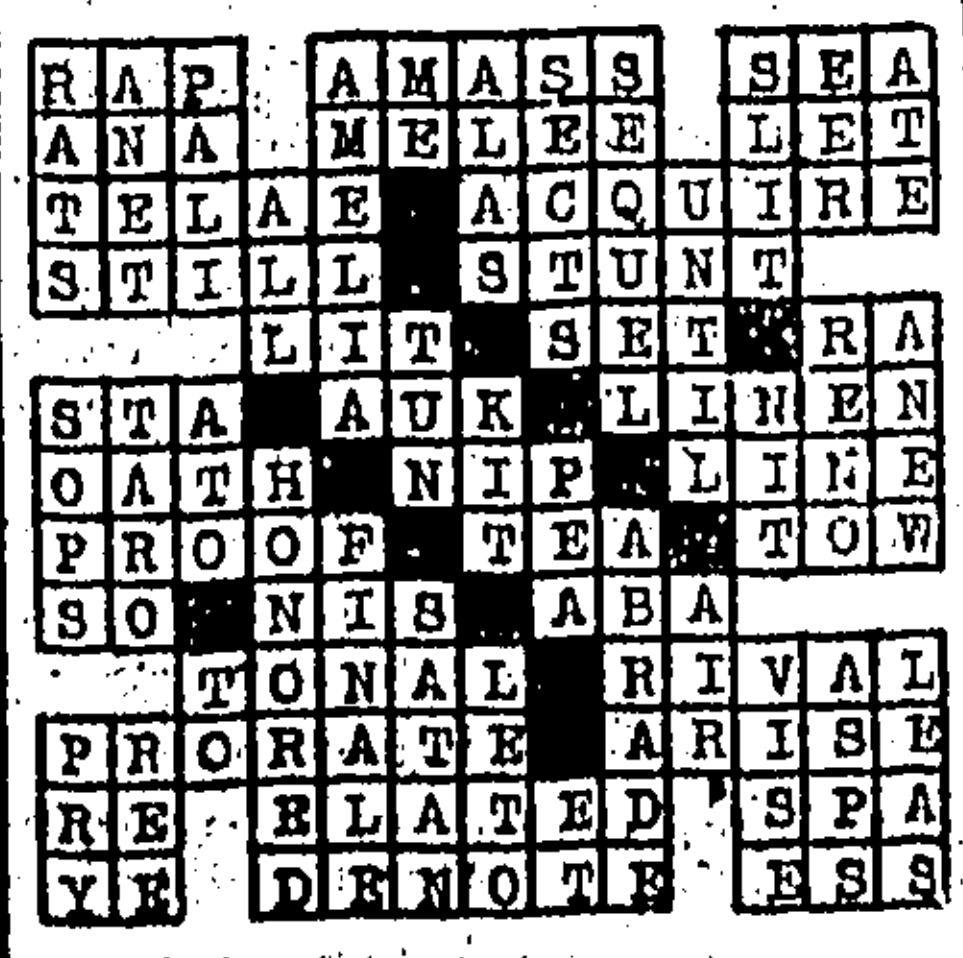
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HORIZONTAL
1 Devastation
6 Mephistopheles
11 To scoff at
12 Heavenly body
14 Molten lava
15 To make slight allusion to
17 Extremely
18 Indelible fruit
20 To ply with fuel
21 Music as written
22 Couches
24 Before
25 Hebrew prophet
26 Sharp-shooter
28 To leave
30 To place
32 Pike-like fish
33 Pertaining to a choir
35 American commodore
38 To become weakened by inaction
39 Constellation
41 Brain
42 Japanese statesman
43 Hindu prayer rug
45 Fish-like vertebrate

VERTICAL
1 Region surrounding the earth
2 Land measure
3 Energy
4 Lyric poems
5 Middle
6 Impaled
7 Fibre plant
8 Light brown
9 Article
10 King of Pylus
11 Besmeared
13 To drink the health of
16 Rocky-crag
18 Pertaining to fat
21 More astute
23 Sudden gush of liquid
25 Aside
27 Greek letter
29 The self
32 To desire
33 Bishop of Liege
34 East Indian sailor
35 Sections of wall
36 Overjoyed
37 Lustrous textile fibre
40 Cheer
43 Vehicle
44 On the ocean
47 To strike softly
48 To weaken
51 Sun god
53 Six

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



AN EPIC IN HISTORY

The exodus of Chinese universities to West China before the Japanese advance will prove one of the greatest epics in history when the story is fully written, said Mr. E. R. Hughes, Professor of Chinese at Oxford, lecturing before the China Institute in London yesterday.

Both the exodus and the continuance of the universities under intolerable war conditions were a strikingly characteristic exhibit of the Chinese spirit in the 20th century.

Prof. Hughes paid a tribute to the zeal with which war disabilities were being gradually removed and emphasised the place which "sound learning" has always had in the traditions of the Chinese people and their eagerness for all branches of knowledge to-day.

Higher education in China, he said, had much to do with preparing those positive, constructive forces of man's spirit on which the well-being of the future depends.—Reuter.

ANZAC AIR HEROES

AN ACCOUNT OF THE MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTION NEW ZEALAND IS MAKING TO THE EMPIRE AIR STRENGTH WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE WHO REVEALED THAT SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR NO LESS THAN 500 PILOTS, 350 OBSERVERS AND 580 AIR GUNNERS HAD LEFT FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS.

As a result of the increase in the number of air force stations the output of airmen was now 5,000 yearly.

Giving an account of airmen already on active service, Mr. Jones said these young men had made a splendid record for themselves and their country.

They had won 76 decorations.—British Wireless.

Y.M.C.A. THEFT MYSTERY

A LOSS OF JEWELLERY AND CLOTHING TO THE VALUE OF \$138.80 FROM THE LADIES' DRESSING ROOM AT THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A., KOWLOON, HAS BEEN REPORTED BY MISS S. M. BASKETT, OF THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

In a report to the Police last night, Miss Baskett stated that the loss occurred between 8 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. yesterday, while she was swimming.

Returning to the dressing room, she discovered that her overcoat, wrist-watch, a gold-cross, jumper and other articles had been stolen.

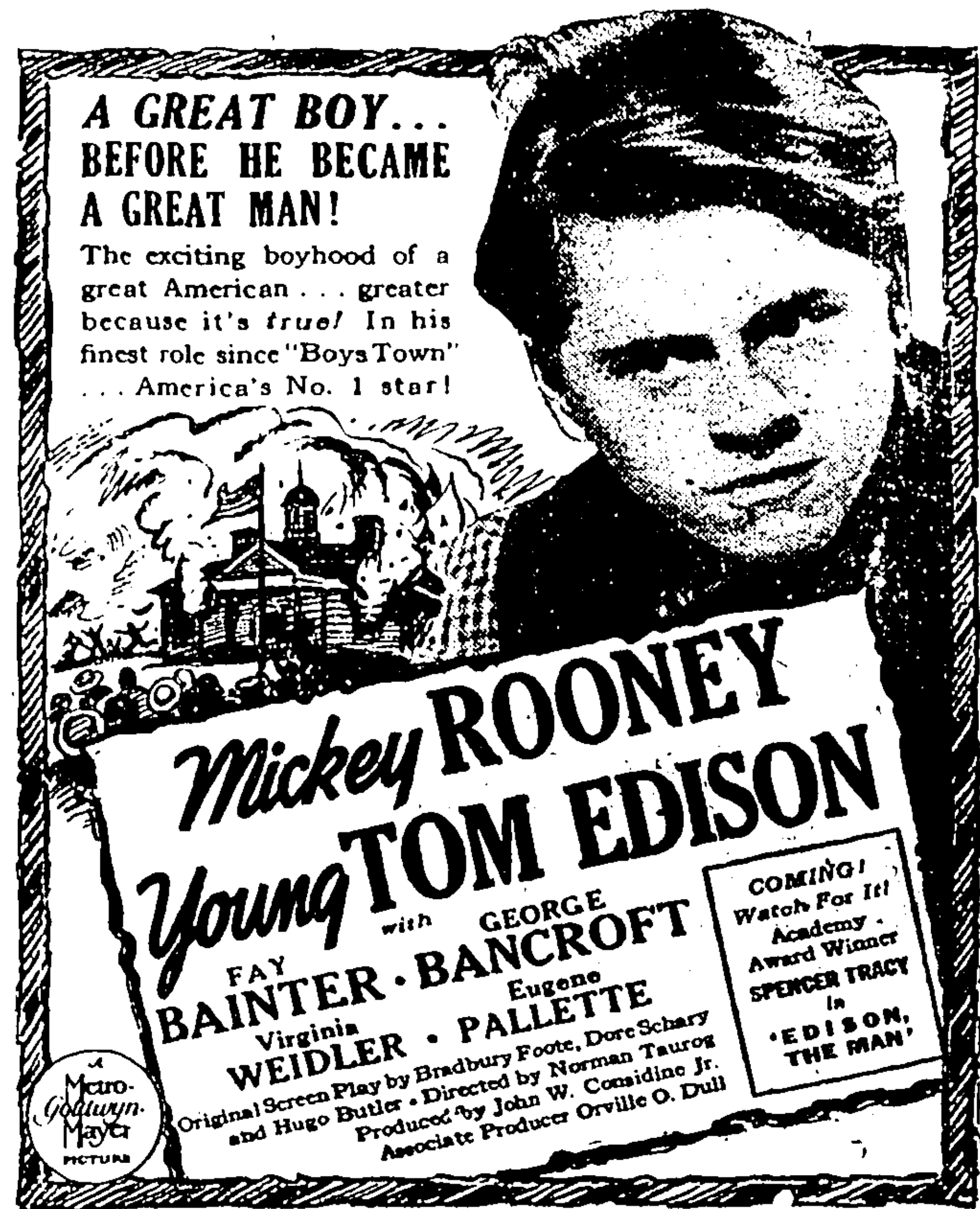
REPORTED MISSING

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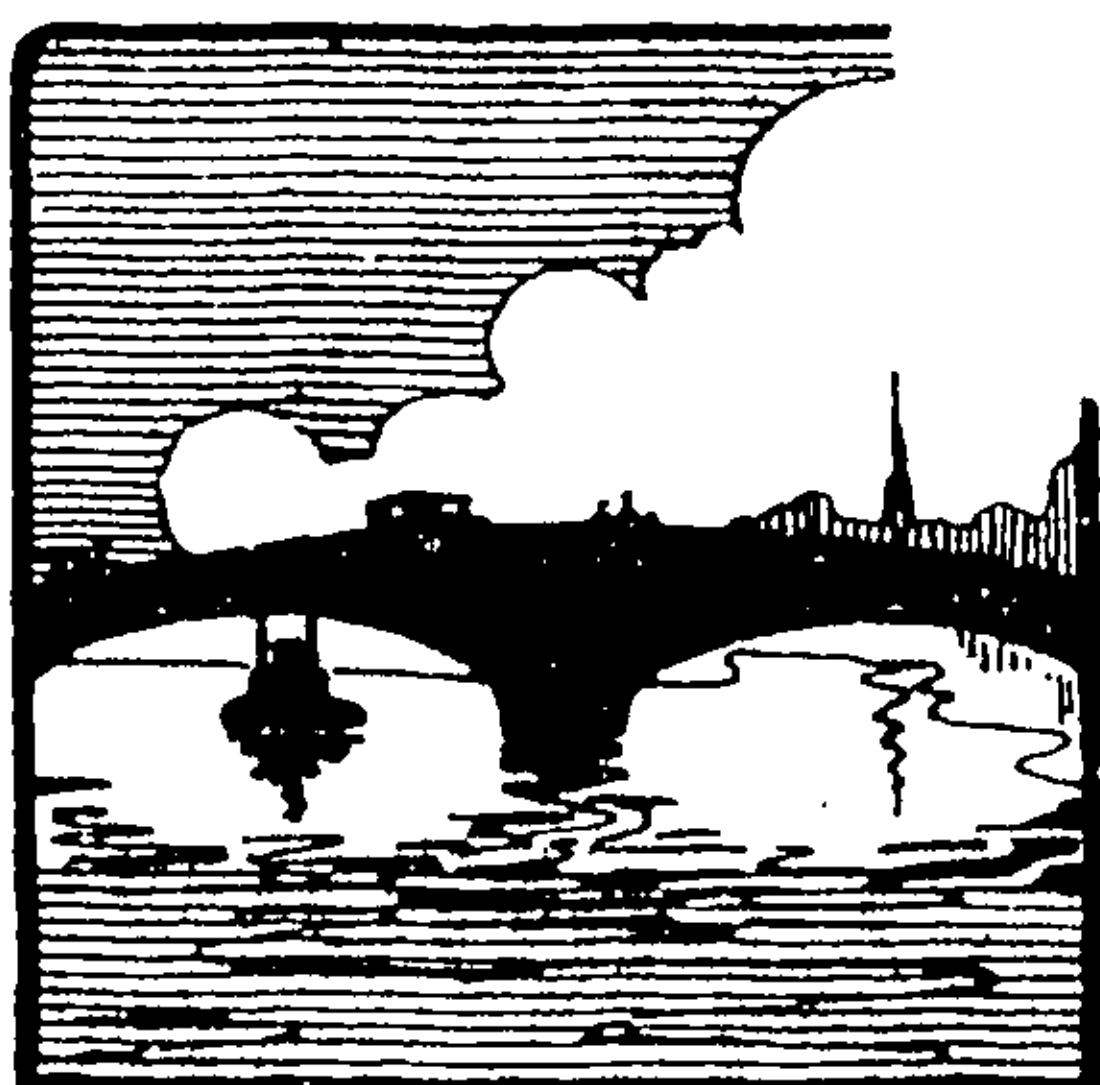
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ITALIAN OFFENSIVE ON COASTAL SECTOR

THE ITALIANS HAVE ADOPTED MASS INFANTRY ATTACKS WITH TREMENDOUS FORCES, IN A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO REPULSE THE GREEKS ON THE COASTAL FRONT IN ALBANIA, ACCORDING TO A GREEK PRESS MINISTRY BULLETIN QUOTED BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The mass attacks were supported by a heavy artillery bombardment, but despite frantic efforts no ground was regained.

Finally the Italians were forced to desist and retired, leaving the field strewn with dead and wounded.

Mussolini's presence in Albania is now confirmed by so many prisoners' statements that it cannot be doubted, the announcer said.

The Duce has not succeeded in heartening the troops, nor in changing the fortune of war.

The announcer added: "The Duce is returning to Italy on Saturday."

One More Defeat

"His plan was to take back a victory with which to console his disconsolate people."

Instead he will take back one more defeat — the heaviest of all — together with the maledictions of the battered Italian army." — *Reuter*.

Greek Communique

The failure of heavy Italian attacks in Albania is announced in a Greek communique.

The communique says: "The enemy continued his offensive throughout the day, launching repeated violent attacks along a wide front all day."

"Large forces of infantry were used, supported by strong artillery and many aircraft."

"Our troops repulsed all enemy attacks, inflicting heavy losses."

"Our aircraft successfully bombed military targets, and our anti-aircraft guns brought down two enemy aircraft." — *Reuter*.

Three Divisions Decimated

A press report states that the Italian offensive against the Greeks has ended in complete failure. Three Italian divisions have been decimated.

Since Wednesday afternoon the enemy on the central front has attempted no further assaults.

During six days fighting, Italian losses are estimated at more than 10,000, including at

least 2,000 dead and 3,500 prisoners, including 60 officers. Fifty officers have been killed and over 250 wounded.

Prisoners continue to assert that Mussolini has been at the front and probably is still somewhere in Albania trying to rally his army. Two days ago he was reported as being in the Tepelini area where he lunched with General Rossi, a divisional commander. *British Wireless*

CANADA'S MAGNIFICENT WAR EFFORT

An increase of four million dollars in the cost of the British Commonwealth air training scheme was disclosed yesterday with the announcement that the revised estimate is placed at one billion dollars, of which Canada is providing \$583,000,000.

Some details of the big ship-building programme to be undertaken by the Dominion were also disclosed and show that the programme included the building of 70 corvettes, 50 minesweepers and 20 merchant vessels as well as a large number of small craft.

Canadian shipyards have already launched 45 corvettes and 13 minesweepers. — *British Wireless*.

HUNGARIAN FUNDS FROZEN

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS "FROZEN" ALL HUNGARIAN FUNDS IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Mr. Morgenthau added that the President and the Treasury had acted at the request of the State Department but he declined to discuss reasons for the action. — *Reuter*.

WAR DAMAGE BILL

The committee stage of the War Damage Bill was completed in the Lords yesterday, says a British Wireless message.

JAPAN WANTS NAZI AID IN THE AIR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ONE OF THE OBJECTS of the mission to Berlin of Mr. Matsuoka is to request the establishment of a German air force in the Orient, it was rumoured in diplomatic circles in Berlin.

Mr. Matsuoka is expected to urge the despatch of some 1,500 German aircraft and an equal number of German pilots, the planes to be flown across Russia and Siberia to Japanese air bases.

It is however, pointed out that it is extremely doubtful whether Stalin would allow these planes to fly over Soviet territory.

Mr. Matsuoka is also credited with carrying personal messages from the Japanese Emperor to Hitler and Mussolini. It is stated

BELGRADE WON'T JOIN AXIS

While the Germans have been pressing Yugoslavia to sign the tripartite pact, well-informed quarters in Belgrade, though emphasising Yugoslavia's desire for good relations with all her neighbours, including Germany, insist that any "concessions" made to the Nazis must be "consonant with the nation's real interests."

It is thought Yugoslavia may be prepared to accept:—

Firstly, an expression of friendship and non-aggression, and

Secondly, some instrument giving formal shape to existing economic relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, calm prevailed in Belgrade yesterday as the Yugoslav-German conversations were continued through normal diplomatic channels.—*Reuter*.

DANGER TO EIRE

AS THE CRISIS OF THE WAR GREW MORE ACUTE THE DANGER TO IRELAND CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASED, SAID THE EIRE PREMIER, MR. EAMONN DE VALERA, SPEAKING IN THE DAIL YESTERDAY ON THE VOTE OF ACCOUNTS.

Mr. de Valera said that from the moment war broke out Eire had been in danger, not because the belligerents wanted directly or indirectly to injure them, but because the country happened to be placed in such a position that there was a temptation on one side or the other to seize the territory for military advantage.—*Reuter*.

CELEBRATIONS BANNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Public demonstrations in Bangkok planned for celebrating the conclusion of the Agreement between Thailand and French Indo-China were prohibited by the Police yesterday.

Only a few Japanese flags were seen in the city. — *International News Service*.



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that the German Ambassador to Japan, General Ott, on his way to Berlin has already informed his government of Japan's requests which are regarded as presented by Japan as the only basis on which they can be expected to uphold the Tripartite Pact.—*International News Service*.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

IN THE TOILS

It seems unlikely now that a German attempt to invade Greece will much longer be delayed. The desperate Italian counter-offensive on the central front coinciding with the presence in Albania of Signor Mussolini himself, suggests a final effort by Il Duce to restore his position and prestige without Nazi assistance. The complete failure of the attack, bringing to the Italians nothing but a ghastly toll of casualties, puts Mussolini more completely into the hands of Herr Hitler, and as the Greeks have declined to respond as it was hoped they would respond, to the Nazi war of nerves, the bluff of Germany in planting troops on the Bulgarian-Grecian frontier is called.

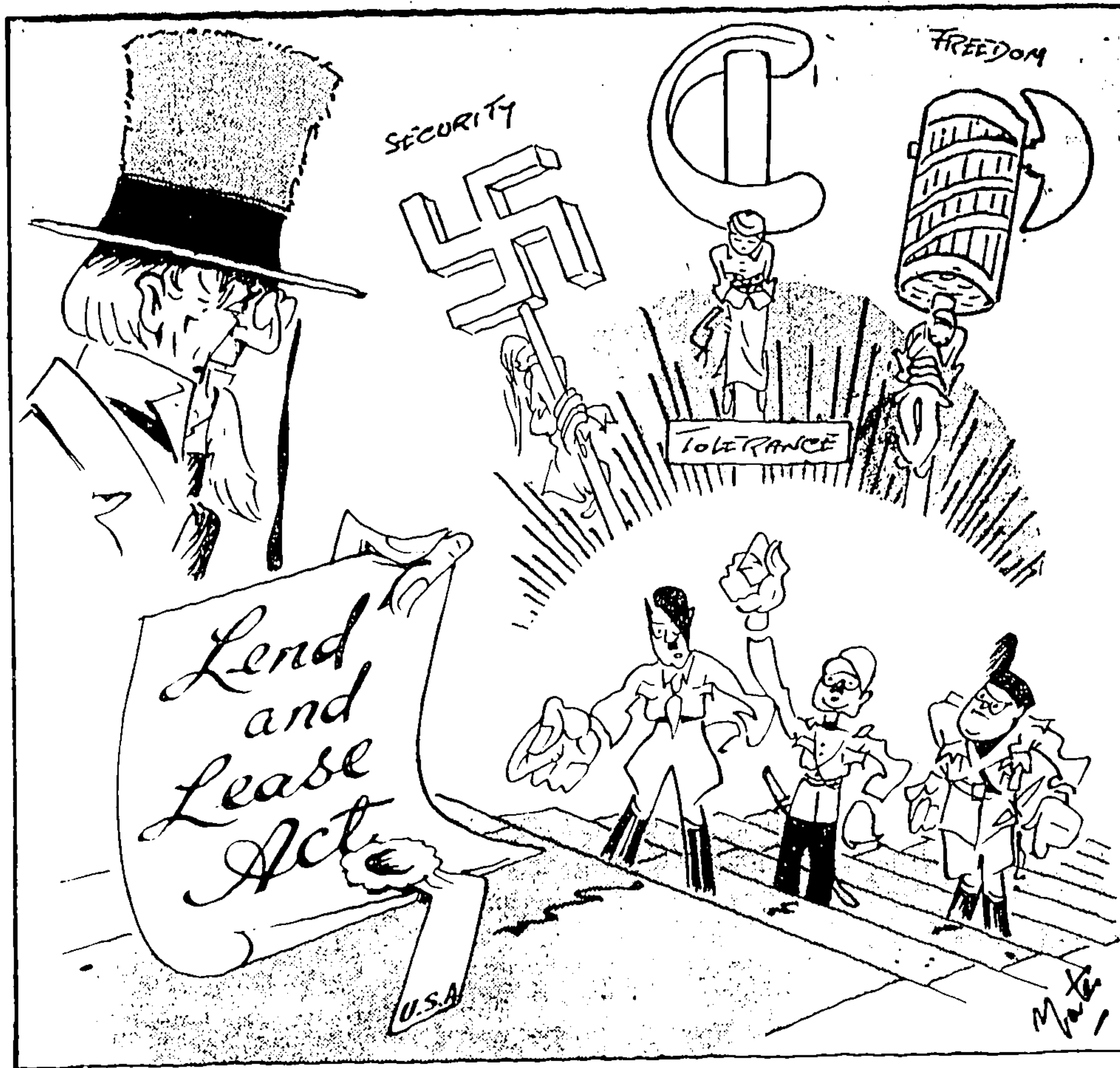
There is, nevertheless, ground for the belief that Hitler is far too late. He may succeed — the issue has not yet been put to the test—in overrunning Greece, but nothing now can restore Italy's prestige. Mussolini can never resume the status of partner in a victorious alliance. Events have caught up with the fable of Axis invincibility and Italy is now no more than a partner reduced to the level of a defeated France.

Nine months after entering a war which seemed to be all over, except for the division of the spoils, Mussolini, by a strange paradox, is now in about the same relation to Hitler as Marshal Pétain or General Anton-escu.

Bulgaria, Italy and France are to-day all prisoners of Germany's conquest of the Continent. Despite Il Duce's appeal to the Italians, urging that it will all come right in the end, the debacle in Africa and the ineptitude in Albania shatter any hope that, whatever the final result, Italy stands to gain anything out of the war.

Developments, indeed, give added interest to the recent conversations between General Franco and Mussolini and General Franco and Marshal Pétain. It is becoming more and more obvious that Italy, France and Spain—the partner, the conquered and the neutral—are all in much the same boat. At some stage, under some leadership, they must all look in common for one outlet—a way of escape.

MAGNA CARTA FOR WORLD FREEDOMS



What HAVE We Done To Deserve This ?

Encourage The Conquered

By
Harold J. Laski

On any showing, it is clear that Mussolini has been dealt two vital blows in Albania and Africa. And the degree to which his regime is a personal one, weak in its foundations, dependent for its endurance upon continued success, is shown by the results of those blows. First, he dismisses the chiefs of the fighting services; the blame for failure must rest anywhere but upon Mussolini himself. Then his journalistic thugs, Gayda and Farinacci, begin to blame the defeatist spirit of unarmed persons for what is a crisis in the regime itself. It is typical that they should ask for a purge. A dictator can never seek rational causes for failure; he must always attempt to blot it out by revenge.

It is too early to regard the combination of these victories as a decisive blow in the main campaign. We must not judge until we see what estimate Hitler places upon the necessity of Mussolini's survival, what steps, therefore, he is prepared to take in his support.

Still, the joint consequences of these events are profound. The prestige of the Axis powers has waned very seriously. They are not only seen to be vulnerable. It is inevitable that men should compare the fate of Rumania, which accepted Axis protection, with that of Greece, which rejected it. It is inevitable also that there should be a re-assessment in Spain, in Yugoslavia, of British power. Turkish confidence in Britain will be even more strengthened. The Soviet Union may recover some of its courage; too much of its policy has been motivated by a simple fear of Axis, particularly German, strength. I do not think it is even too much to say that the effect on France will be considerable, and upon French North Africa profound. Considerable upon the first because, at long last, there are signs of an awakening in France from the stupor of defeat, and a growing sense that its hopes of recovery depend on a British victory. Profound in the second because it will become obvious that Vichy enormously over-estimated Italian power.

On the more moderate estimate, I think it is safe to say two things. The Italian defeats in Europe and Africa, combined with the growing revelations of British strength, compel an Axis reassessment of its whole position. Because Dictators live by prestige, some striking measure will have to be concerted for its revival. If it is attempted, it will have to be undertaken by Hitler, since all Mussolini's energies are absorbed in trying to arrest disaster. On this basis, his reduction to the position of a very junior partner in the Axis is certain; for everyone knows that Hitler never gives something for nothing. And the more Mussolini is compelled to take, the greater will be his unpopularity with his own people. He has shown himself up at the first real test of his efficiency. He has been defeated at a stage where he held most of the main cards in his hands.

There is a real chance that the very existence of his regime may be in jeopardy in the next few months; and, no doubt, the impact of his failure on Hitler's own position will be important. But I think we must beware of exaggerating that impact. The German dictatorship differs from the Italian first because it is supremely well organised, and, second, because it has great victories to its credit. I do not believe that these blows at Mussolini will begin yet to stimulate the latent forces of opposition to Hitler in Germany. These have shown no real signs in the last six years that they are effectively organised; and I am afraid it is unlikely that they will find the momentum of organisation until they are stimulated by the proof that Hitler can be defeated in a positive sense. We here, of course, are convinced that he has lost the Battle of Britain; and I think we are entitled to our conviction. But I do not feel that this will act as an anti-Hitler dynamic

until it begins, say this spring, to be clear to his own people. This period in my own view, is the vital period of the war.

But preparation for it is urgent. The more we can hammer at Mussolini, the more we can undermine his regime, the more we shall arouse hopes of liberation in the conquered countries of Europe; and the more we arouse these, the more difficult will be the task of their occupation. Sullen acquiescence can very quickly become active opposition once it is given the material of hope; and it is important that neither in Poland nor in Czechoslovakia, neither in Holland nor in Norway, has the "new European order" made any psychological headway. These brave people remain the basis of revolt against him once the possibilities of success appear actual; and nothing will do more to make organisation for those possibilities effective than the news that the legend of Axis infallibility has been shattered.

It is the lesson that the more just the great society, the more unbreakable are its foundations, and that just foundations depend upon the recognition that all men have an equal claim upon the common stock of welfare. Those who realise this have in their hands one of the supreme instruments of defence in the modern world. Those who can be accused of failing to realise it lay themselves open to an attack which, once its ethical and psychological implications are grasped, may be of disastrous proportions. The masses in Germany went to Hitler because he promised relief from unemployment and the recovery of their respect. He betrayed them in the second; he gave them the first only at the price of slavery and war. He made the workers of Great Britain see that his victory meant their slavery; and, for a period, they will accept our "religion of inequality" rather than yield to the menace he symbolises. But they know as never before that they are the architects of victory; and they will require social justice as their price for it. The sooner we begin to build it, the sooner we shall summon all Europe to the breaking of the Fascist yoke.

Now For Victory

A tremendous change has come over Britain. It has become a land of smiling faces. That strained look which is the sort of "morning after" sign of a night of air raids, has gone. No longer do you hear the people talk of their sorrows as they go to their work, or of the prospects of the night, as they go home in the evening. The talk now is of victory. Britain is walking out of the valley of the shadow of death into the dawn of a new day. Hope has given way to complete confidence. There is no doubt about the end now, in the minds of any men.

If you want to measure the real determination of the people, the place to see it is in one of the bombed towns. There you suddenly realise the quality that made the British Empire-builders. The harder you hit them, the tougher they become. You feel when you

By John Gordon

meet them as the King felt when talking to a man at Bristol, on the rubble heap that only a few hours before had been that man's home, he suddenly said to him: "Give me your hand. I glory in your pluck."

The women are just as marvelous as the men. On the same day, standing on the top of a nearby heap of ruins, which had also been a happy home, the King met and talked to a young woman, who had a nine weeks' old baby in her arms. That woman, her baby and three other children had been standing under the stairs of their home, when a bomb caused the complete collapse of the house. They were all dug out.

You might think that the shock would have upset her, that anxiety and the loss of her home would have depressed her. Not at all. When she stood talking to the King on the heap of ruins, she was as happy and cheerful as if the King had come to pay her a peace-time visit.

The effect of the King's visits to these bombed towns has been one of the most amazing things of the war. As soon as he arrives the flags come out and cheering crowds press round him. He goes through the town with no ceremony whatever, with no guards except a few air raid workers and a policeman. People press round him and shake his hand. They discuss their losses and they share their confidences with him. He has done a tremendous job without fuss, and without sparing himself. He has become one with his people, in a way that would never have been possible except for such a series of disasters. He has made monarchy worth while. In an age when thrones are toppling he has made his more secure than ever, broad-based not on authority, but on the affection of his people.

An air raid brings all sorts of problems. One of them that seems to affect the sentimental British people much more than even the loss of their homes, is the bombing out of their pet cats and dogs. A tremendous voluntary organisation works side by side with the Civil defence services to look after animals in air raids. It is the sort of organisation you can hardly imagine in any other country than Britain.

It has been discovered that the difference between a dog and a cat is that the dog runs as far away from the noise as he can get. Usually he runs until he drops exhausted. The cat, on the other hand, vanishes for a day then turns up again among the ruins. Because of this homing instinct, five times as many cats as dogs are recovered after a raid.

For human beings the problem of what to do when your house is destroyed is much more simple. All round the great towns now there are a ring of rest centres to which homeless people, both well-to-do and poor, are at once sent. They are given food, shelter and the opportunity to rest. Those who can afford to do so, mostly pass on to friends the next day. Those who have neither friends who can help, nor money to help themselves, are billeted out. Here and there one finds difficulties, as always they will be found, but they are few. Britain in fact is becoming not a nation but a family. If we can only sustain this spirit in peace as well as in war, a new chapter in world social history is opening.

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BRITISH MINISTER CONFIRMS DETAILS OF OUTRAGE

THE FACT THAT THE BOMB which exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel in Istanbul was surreptitiously added to the British Legation's hand luggage before it left Sofia, is confirmed in a report from Mr. George Rendel, former British Minister in Sofia, to the Foreign Office in London.

The report says two suitcases were placed in the train. They appeared to contain dirty clothing, old newspapers and dry batteries.

After one exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel a second was thrown into a pit on open ground by the clerk of the Air Attache, Mr. Embury, who thus probably averted a second disaster.

It was later found to contain a powerful charge of TNT.

The report adds it is therefore clear that the powerful bombs were added to the Legation party's luggage before the party left Sofia.

IT APPEARS PROBABLE THE INTENTION WAS THAT THEY SHOULD EXPLODE IN THE TRAIN, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN WRECKED, WITH GREAT LOSS OF LIFE. THE REPORT CONCLUDES.—REUTER.

Mr. Eden's Message

Agency messages from Cairo report that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, sent a message of sympathy to Mr. Rendel through the British Ambassador at Ankara.

The Foreign Secretary's telegram said: "Please inform Mr. Rendel of my horror and disgust on reading of the dastardly attempt on his life and members of your staff. I am deeply distressed at reports that members of your staff and Mr. Rendel's staff were injured. Please give them my sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery. I shall be glad if you will convey to the Turkish Government an expression of my deep sympathy in the loss of their nationals as a result of the dastardly outrage." British Wireless.

FROM NAZI SOURCE

THE PRESENCE FOR THE SECOND TIME OF M. MOLOTOV, SOVIET FOREIGN COMMISSAR, AT A BANQUET AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, IS REGARDED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES THERE AS AN INDICATION OF THE PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO A GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY DESPATCH

VAN KLEFFENS ON WAY TO N.E.I.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Jonkheer van Kleffens, has reached Lisbon en route to the Netherlands East Indies, according to the Free French agency's correspondent quoted by Reuter.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY URGENCY

The speedy completion of a two-ocean navy was urged by Colonel Knox, Secretary of Navy, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, and Admiral Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics in testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee yesterday.

All three warned Congress that the international situation might continue to grow worse from time to time.

Speedy completion of a two-ocean navy was necessary because the combined German, Italian and Japanese fleets at the beginning of this year totalled 1,835,000 tons against the 1,250,000 tons of the United States.

This did not take into account the French ships.—Reuter.

FROM MOSCOW.

The banquet was given by Mr. Tatekawa, the Ambassador, in honour of M. Molotov.

M. Vyshinski, Deputy Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and other prominent Soviet persons were present, the despatch adds.—Reuter.

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LAND AND LEASE BILL MAKES WAR AMERICA'S

THE STOCKHOLM newspaper "Dagens Nyheter," referring to the repeated German statement that President Roosevelt will be too late to help Britain, points out that the Lease and Lend Bill makes England's war America's war.

Referring to the German press attitude and to American help for Britain, the paper wonders how to explain the fact that Germany is practically ignoring America and why the German press attributes more importance to Swedish newspaper articles than President Roosevelt's doings.

AMERICA TURNS NEW CHAPTER

The New York "Times" declares that March 11, 1941, ought to be remembered in American history as the day when the United States ended the great retreat.

Our effort to find security in isolation, it says, has failed. By the final passage of the Lease and Lend Bill we confess its failure.

We turn now to a new chapter. We assume the responsibilities which fall naturally to a great world power.

We proclaim our decision that in collective security and only in collective security can Democratic nations survive.

We shall protect the security of our people wherever it is threatened and we hold it to be threatened by Hitler's subjugation of Democracy in Europe and his attack on Britain.

The English workers are waging an epic battle of courage and determination. They have kept their factories running in spite of the storm of bombs and incendiary weapons.

By their efforts they have made it possible for their brave fighting forces to carry on.

America must give them help and encouragement because they are fighting America's battle as well as their own.—Reuter.

CONTROL OF GERMAN MISSIONS

Thirty-five of 39 German missionaries in Northern Rhodesia have been confined to mission stations.

This was announced by the Chief Secretary in Legislative Council at Lusaka yesterday. He added that free contact with natives is forbidden.

The other four are subject to supervision and restrictions in their movements.

There are 14 Italian missionaries in the territory. All enemy missionaries have surrendered arms, radio sets and motorcars.—Reuter.

JUDGMENT AGAINST OFFICER

Judgment with costs for \$86.50 was given in favour of Messrs. William Powell Ltd., against Capt. R. D. Scriven, of the Combined Military Hospital, at the Summary Court this morning by Mr. E. H. Williams for goods sold and delivered.

Plaintiff firm was represented by Mr. Y. K. Kan of Messrs. Deacon's while defendant was absent and unrepresented.

GAMBLING CASE

Wong Keng, 20, and Lui Tong, 22, were remanded 24 hours by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, when they pleaded not guilty to keeping a "The Fa" gaming den at No. 28, Halphong Road.

Four women gamblers, who also pleaded not guilty, were remanded on \$5 bail each, while a man, who failed to appear, had bail of \$5 estreated.

SECRET SESSION ON SHIPPING POSITION

The House of Commons held yesterday's session in secret to discuss the shipping position, says a Reuter despatch from London.

BLACKOUT OFFENCES

MR. A. G. DALZIEL, OF NO. 300, THE PEAK, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR A BREACH OF THE LIGHTING REGULATIONS.

It was alleged that the front lights of the accused's car were not properly screened at about 7.40 p.m. on February 26, while travelling in Garden Road.

A fine of \$20 was imposed. The same fine was imposed on Mr. W. Stoker, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, for a similar offence.

Miss K. Dorrer, of Room No. 501, Hong Kong Hotel, was summoned for leaving her car unattended in Wanchai Road near the Old No. 2 Police Station on March 2. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Traffic Sergeant Youe prosecuted.

INDIANS FIGHT IN INTERMENT CAMP

A fight occurred yesterday between two Indian constables on guard duty at the Chinese Soldiers' Internment Camp in Argyle Street, resulting in one being admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, and the other being suspended from duty and detained.

It is alleged that one of the men used an iron bar.

As the result of the fight, Abdul Karim, 26, PCB432, was charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, with wounding Sher Afzal, PCB436 and was remanded a week at the request of Chief Det.-Inspector A. E. Carey.

Series Of Wars

America just does not place material at Britain's disposal and wait for her to fetch it but takes steps to help transport material to Britain.

Germany has not engaged in one war but a series of wars.

First against Poland, offering the Allies peace, then against France, offering England peace, and then against England, accompanied by friendly assurances to America.

Germany has covered the easiest ground so far but has difficult terrain ahead and has to help her ally along on sore feet.—Reuter.

THEFT OF STIRRUP PUMPS

The recent thefts of two A.R.P. stirrup pumps from Yaumati Police Station had a sequel before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning when a 13-year-old schoolboy and Chan Pat-hong, 19, were charged with stealing.

Two marine store dealers, Yick Kee, 50, and Cheung Chung, 51, were charged with receiving.

The pumps had been placed in the hall of the station and one was missing on March 2, while the other was stolen a week later.

At 4 a.m. yesterday, the schoolboy was seen in the hall and arrested. Accused accompanied the police to a marine store dealer's shop and recovered the pumps, and Chan Pat-hong was arrested in his house.

It was stated that Chan was formerly employed as a coolie in the police station. The boy stole the pumps, which were sold for 50 cents and 70 cents.

The schoolboy was remanded, Chan fined \$10 or three weeks, Yick, who had a previous conviction for receiving, was given 6 six months, and Cheung was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

MANISTEE SUNK

THE AUXILIARY VESSEL MANISTEE HAS BEEN SUNK, ACCORDING TO AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Manistee is a converted vessel of 5,300 tons.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LAND ARMY

It was stated in the Commons yesterday that well over 2,000 new volunteers have been enrolled in the Women's Land Army during the last nine weeks. These volunteers either have been placed in employment or preliminary training has been arranged for them.—British Wireless.

VISITING DUBLIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, who is in London, will visit Dublin at the end of the week.—International News Service.



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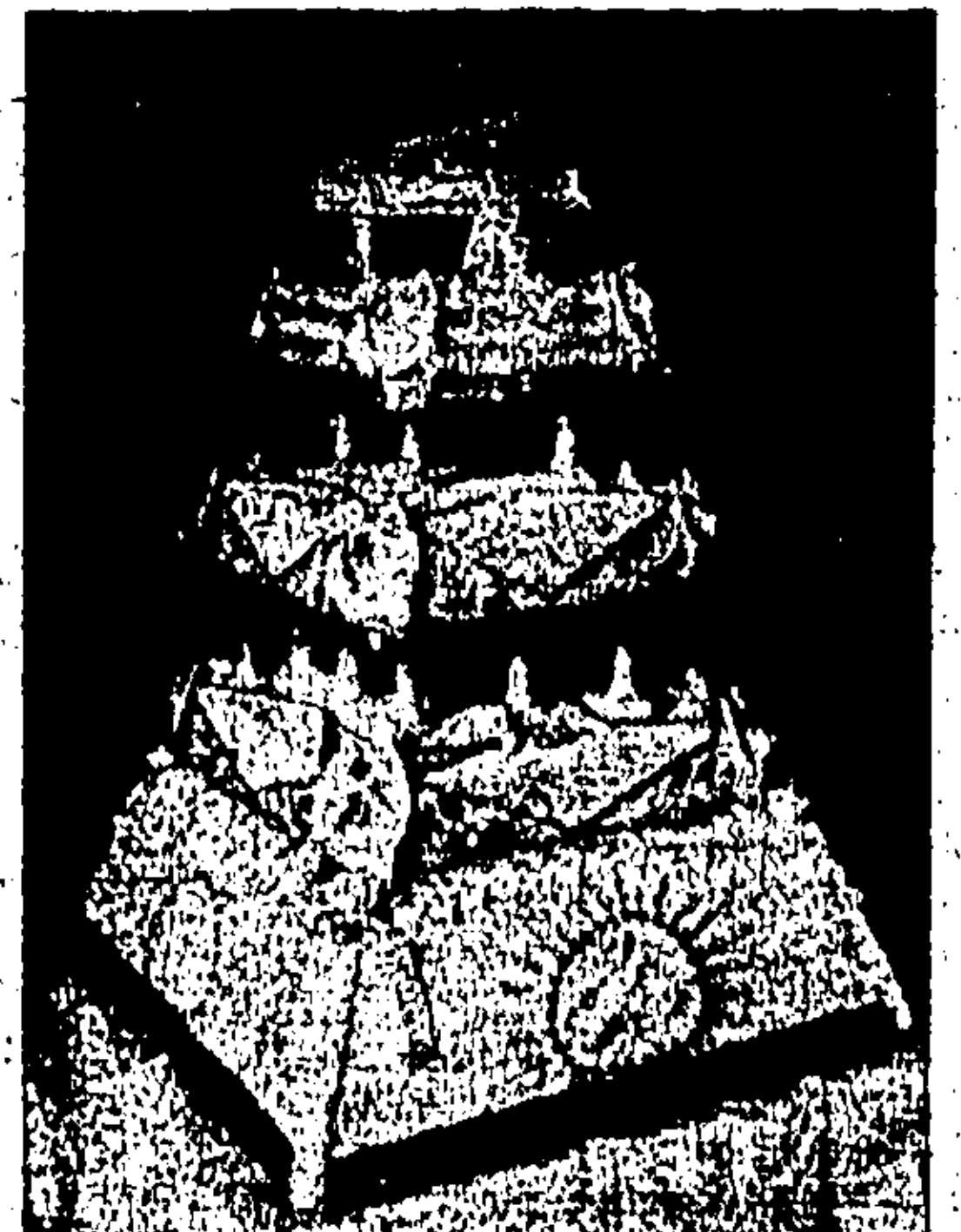
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HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at 10 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 14th March, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprising—

Teakwood Drawing Room, Dining Room, Bed Room and Office Furniture, Chesterfield Suites, Cutlery, Ornaments, Tea Sets, Electric Fans & Lamps, Crockery, Curios, Pictures, Clocks, Gramophones & Records, Porcelain, Glass, Aluminium, Brass and E. P. Ware, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc. also

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 17th, March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods, Household Furniture and Shop Fittings.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 18th, March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, (2nd Floor)

A COLLECTION OF VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941. The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

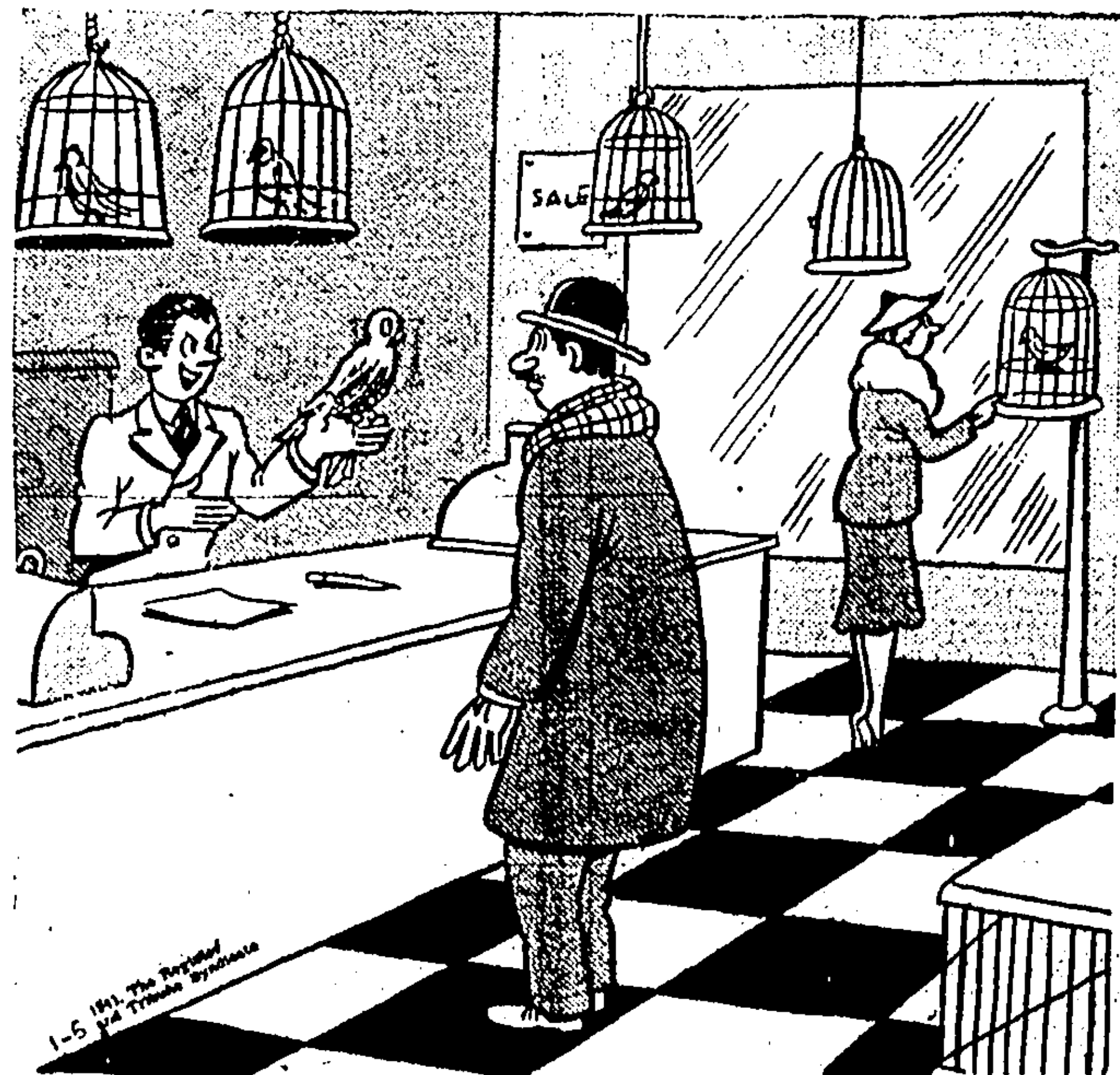
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BRIDGE NOTES

CROSSED SIGNALS

By The Four Aces

The situation shown in to-day's hand is rather a common one, yet many players get their signals crossed as did East and West:

East, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ K Q J 8
♣ K 10 8

♠ Q 8 4 2
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 5 3

West
♠ A 6
♥ K J 10 5
♦ 7 4
♣ A 9 6 4 2

North
♠ K J 7 5
♥ 8 4
♦ A 10 9 6 3
♣ J 7

The bidding
East South West North
1♣ 1♥ 2♣ 2♥
Pass Pass Pass 3♥

We led the three of clubs, dummy played the eight. East hopefully covered with the nine, and South won with the club Jack. Without even pausing to draw trumps, South returned the seven of clubs, finessing dummy's ten.

East took the club Ace and found himself unable to decide on the correct continuation. West's free club raise located either the spade King or heart Ace in his hand, but which? In order to find out, East laid down the spade Ace. If West had the spade King, East reasoned, he would signal encouragement; then East could ruff the third round of spades and wait for a heart trick to develop.

But West was asleep at the switch. Obviously South was trying to get a discard on dummy's club King; and just as obviously there was no way to prevent him from discarding a spade — if that would do him any good. But West's heart Ace and his partner's heart bid made it clear that a speedy shift to hearts could prevent a heart discard. Therefore West should have played the discouraging deuce of spades to induce a shift to hearts.

Instead West signalled for a spade continuation by playing the

eight of spades. That gave South the hand, for he took the spade continuation with his King; drew trumps, and discarded a heart on the King of Clubs. He then cheerfully conceded a spade and one heart, making his contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 8
♣ J 4

The bid was:
Maler You Jacoby Schenken
3♥ (7)

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Even if your partner has nothing, your hand should produce at least five spade tricks and a heart or two, so no great harm can develop from your overcall. The three spades show the nature of your hand more precisely than a double would.

Score 100% for three spades; 60% for double.

Question No. 664

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 9 6
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ 3
♣ A J 4

The bidding:
Maler You Jacoby Burnstone
3♥ (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

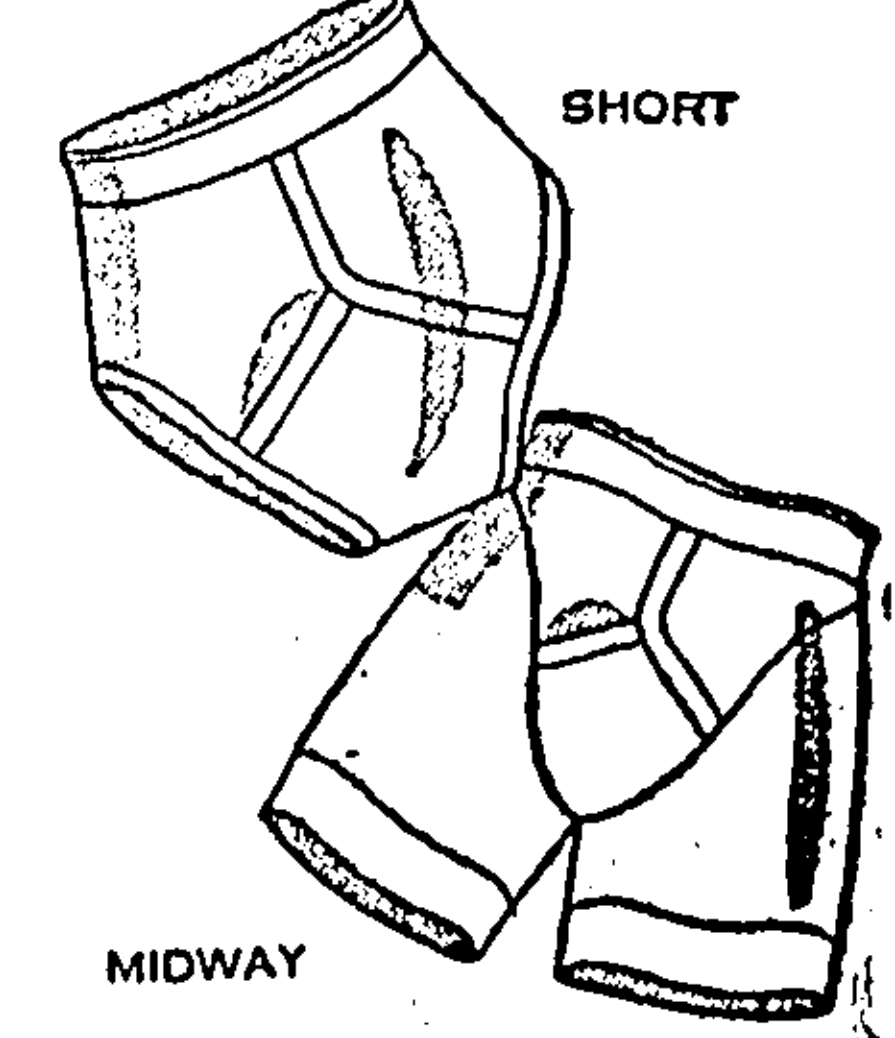
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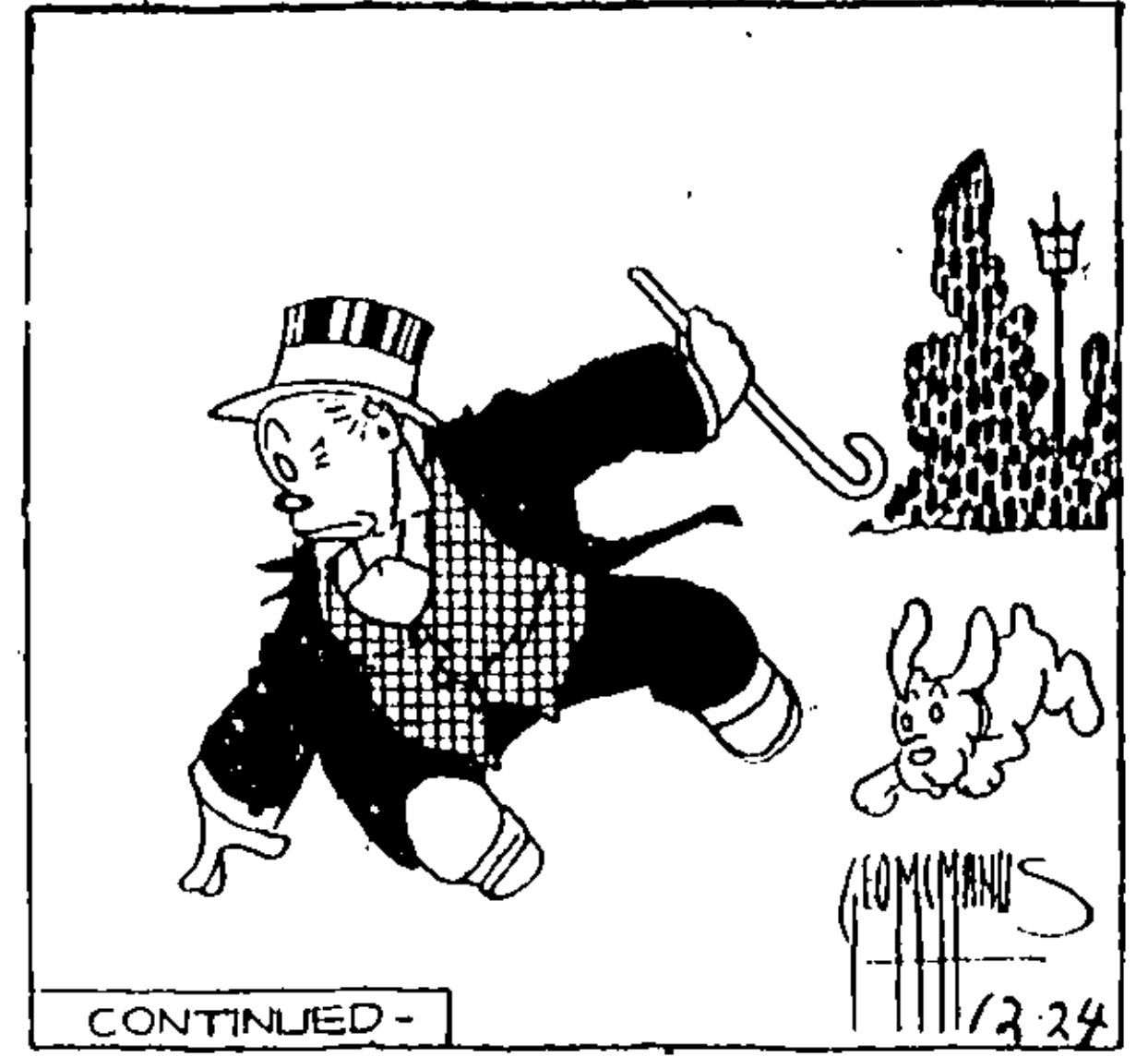
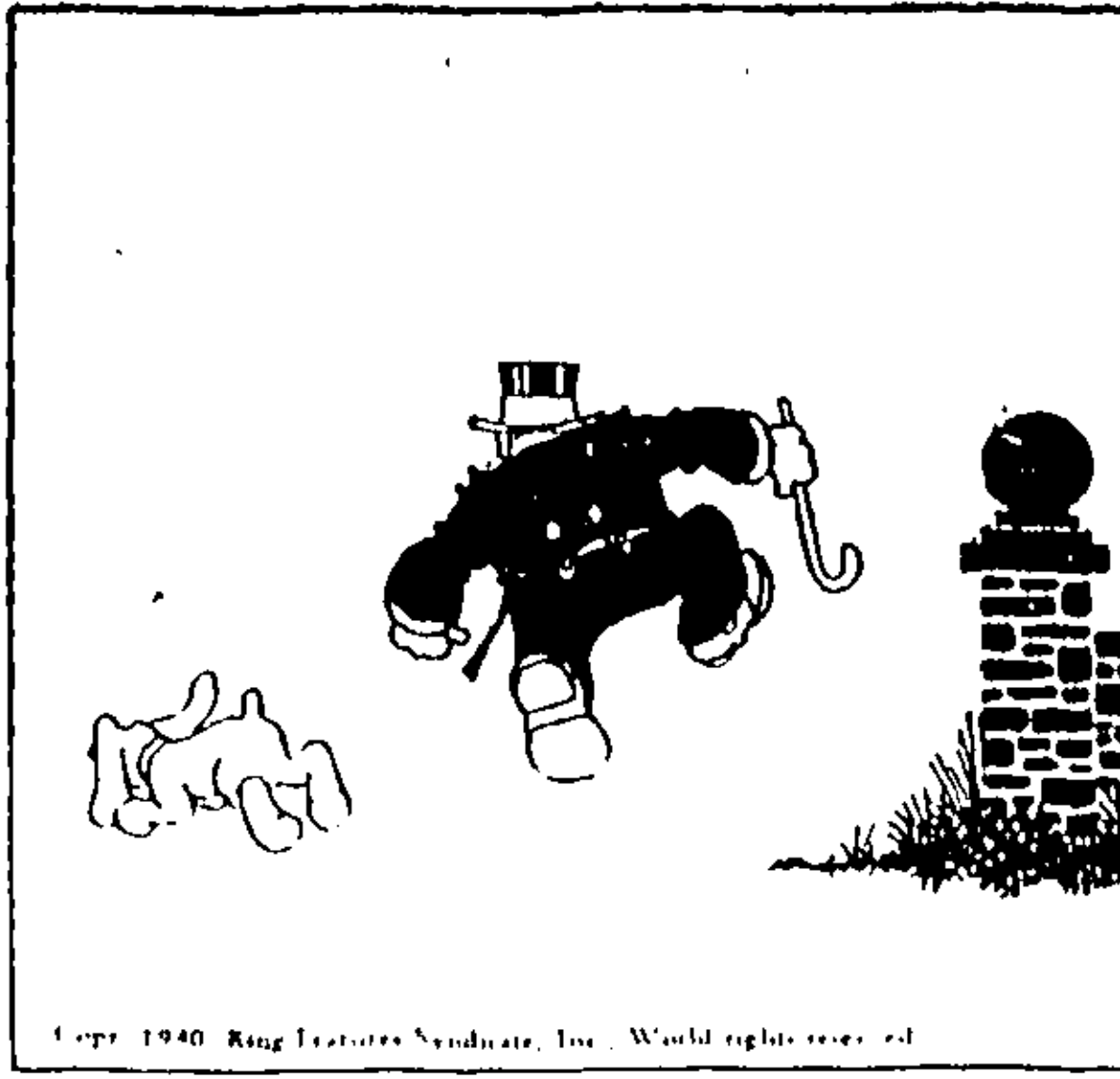
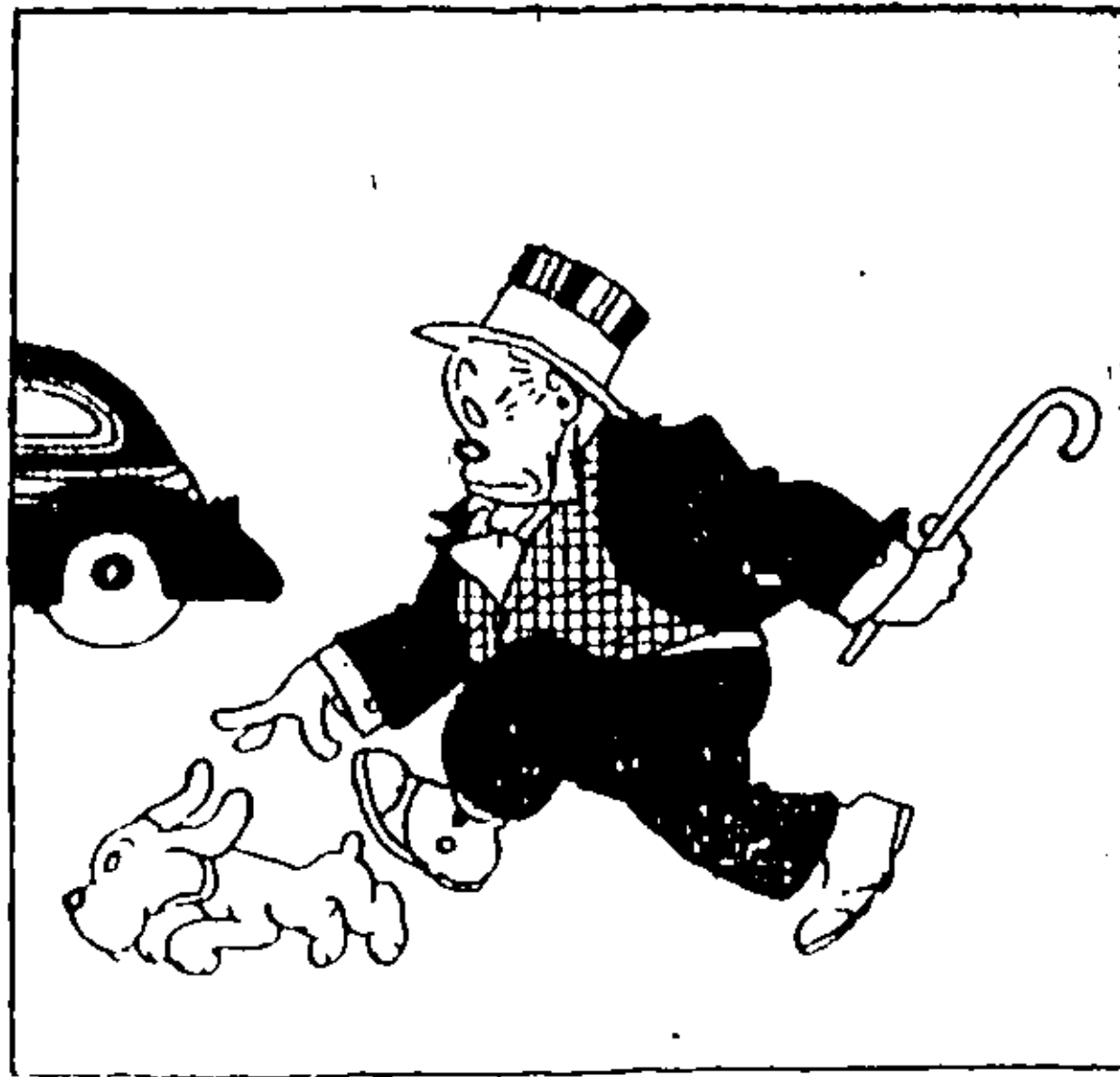
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 88 in D Major.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

3.32 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot: Moon for Sale.

Waltz: A Beautiful Lady in Blue.

Fox-Trots: Whispers in the Dark (film 'Artists & Models'), Stop! You're Breaking My Heart (film 'Artists & Models'), At the Cafe Continental.

Waltz: Stars in My Eyes (film 'The King Steps Out').

Fox-Trots: Little Old Lady, In The Mission By The Sea, Sunday in the Park (from 'Happy Returns').

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Newsletter by D. M. Green.

7.30 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

Love Everlasting (Film) Adoree (West).

Always in My Heart (Turk & Coats).

7.40 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. by His Honour Sir A. D. A. MacGregor, Kt., K.C.

7.50 p.m.—Songs by Derek Oldham (Tenor).

For Only You (film 'Let's make a night of it'), Waltz Song (from 'A Waltz Dream'—O. Strauss), Whisper in your Dreams (film 'Melody of my Heart').

8.02 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Songes D'Automne (Joyce), After The Ball (Harris), Orchestra Mascotte, The Last Drops (Kratz), The Blue Danube (Strauss), Magyarini and His Hungarian Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Military Band Music.

Britannia Slow March (Medley of National Songs—arr. Trayton Adams), Drake's Drum (Trayton Adams), Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.

English Folk Songs and Dances (arr. Fairfield), Regimental Band of H.M. Irish Guards.

8.45 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

The Bay of Biscay (Davy), The Saucy Arcthusa (Trad.), Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra & Male Chorus.

Sea Shanties—Medley. Intro: What shall we do with the drunken sailor; Shenandoah; Blow the Man down; Bound for the Rio Grande; Whisky Johnny; Fire Down Below; Hulla-balloo-Balay; Billy Boy; Gerald & His Accordion Band with Male Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Schubert.

Schubert Waltzes—Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

Spring will Come... Heinrich Schlianus (Baritone) with Piano.

Moment Musical No. 2, Op. 94... Lener String Quartet.

Hark, Hark The Lark... William Murdoch (Piano).

Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel... Elisabeth Schumann with Piano.

Rondo, Op. 53... Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano acc.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'By The Way'.

10.15 p.m.—Sibelius—Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 43.

1st Mov: Allegretto; 2nd Mov: Tempo Andante, ma rubato; 3rd Mov: V-lacissimo; 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro moderato).... Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orth.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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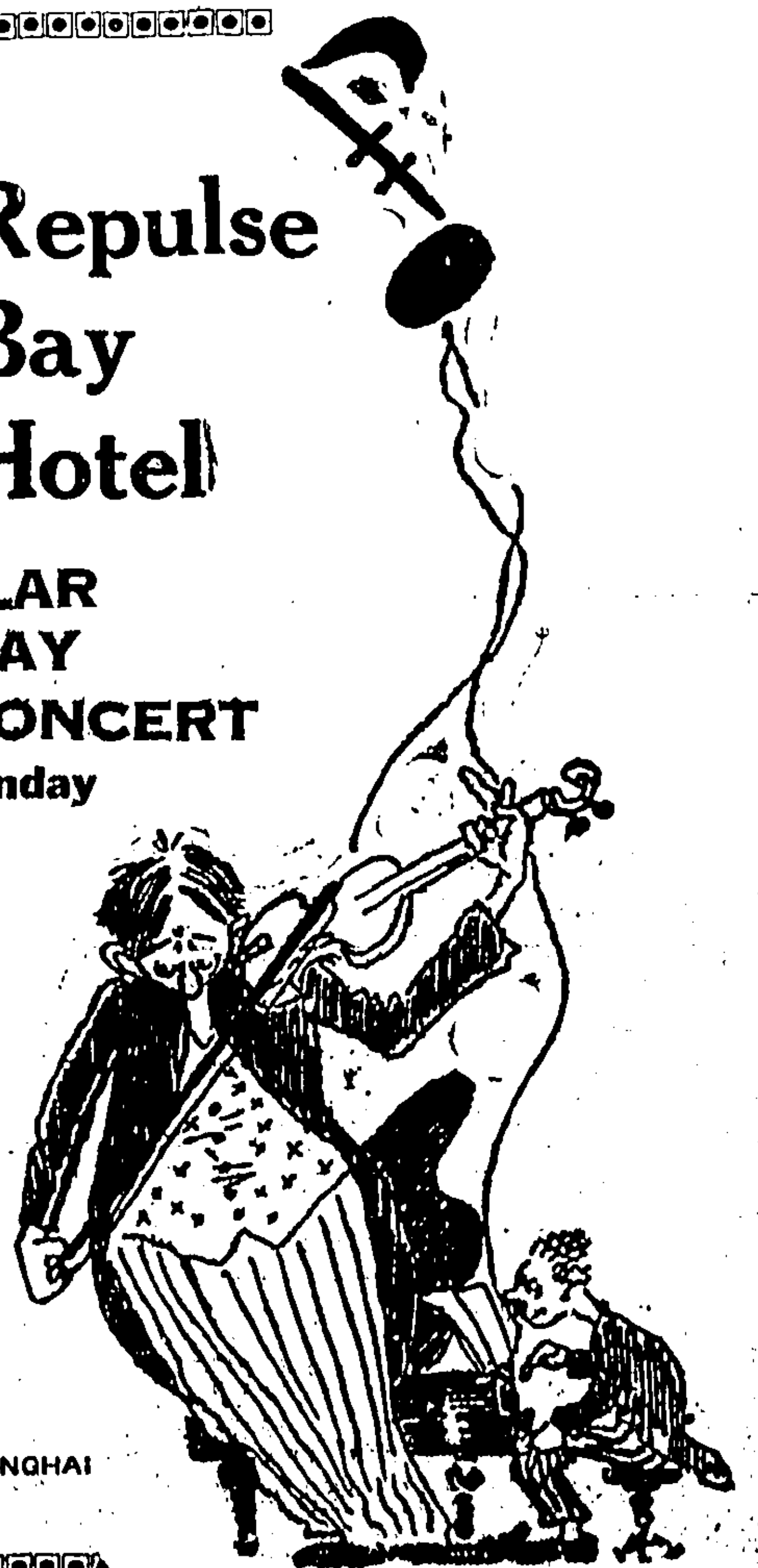
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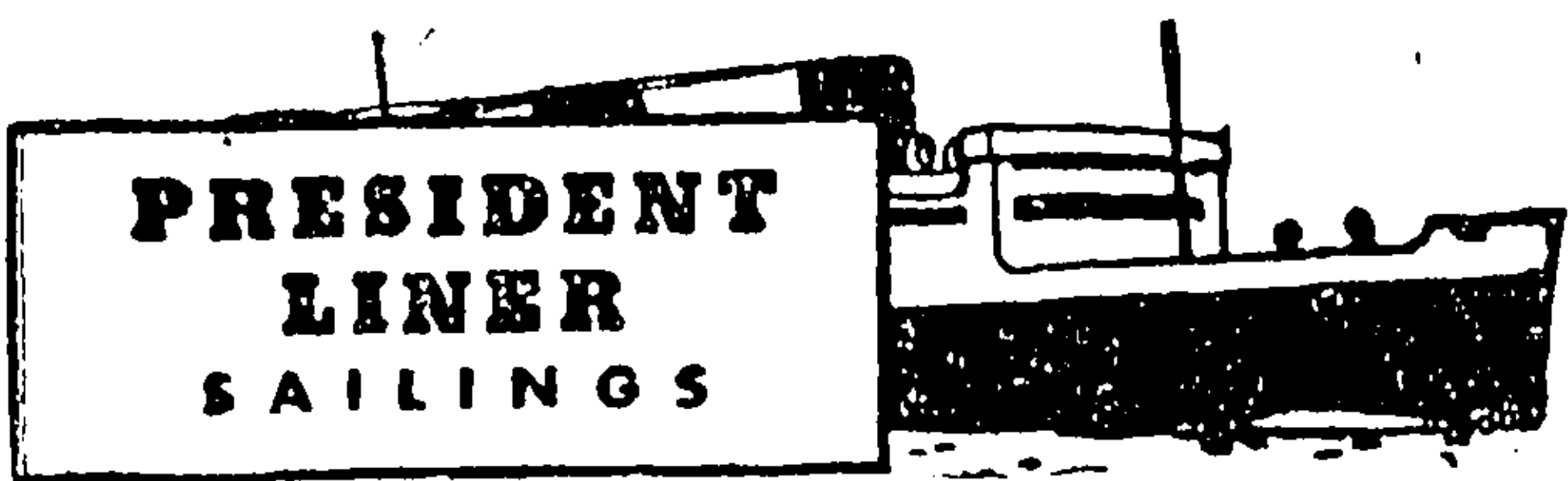
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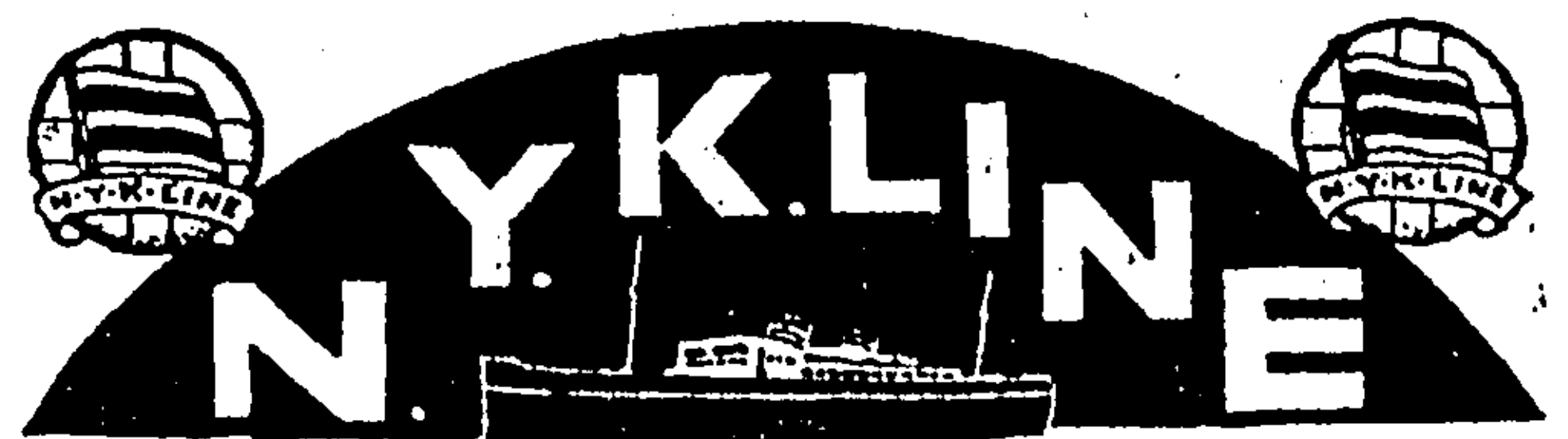
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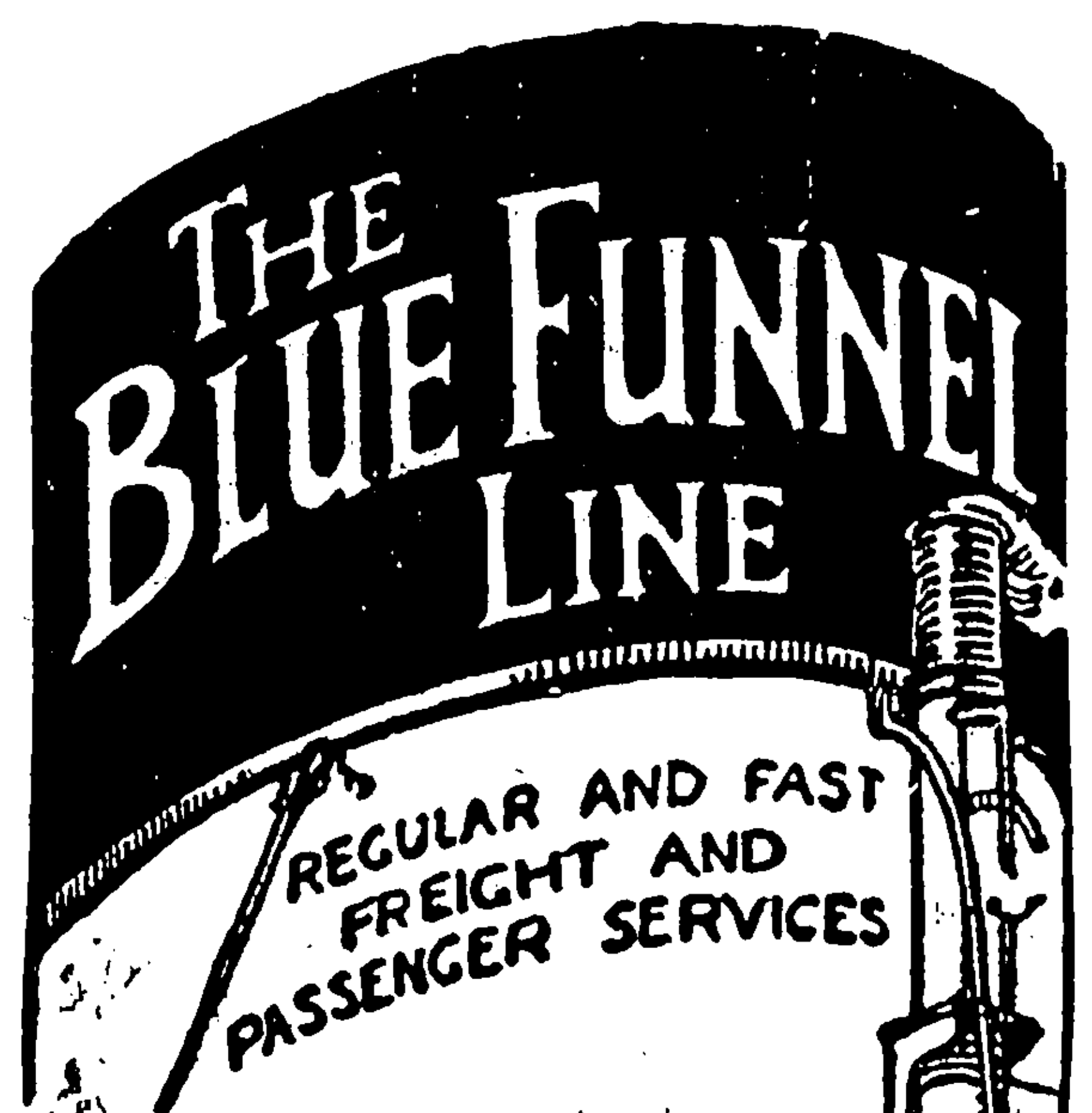
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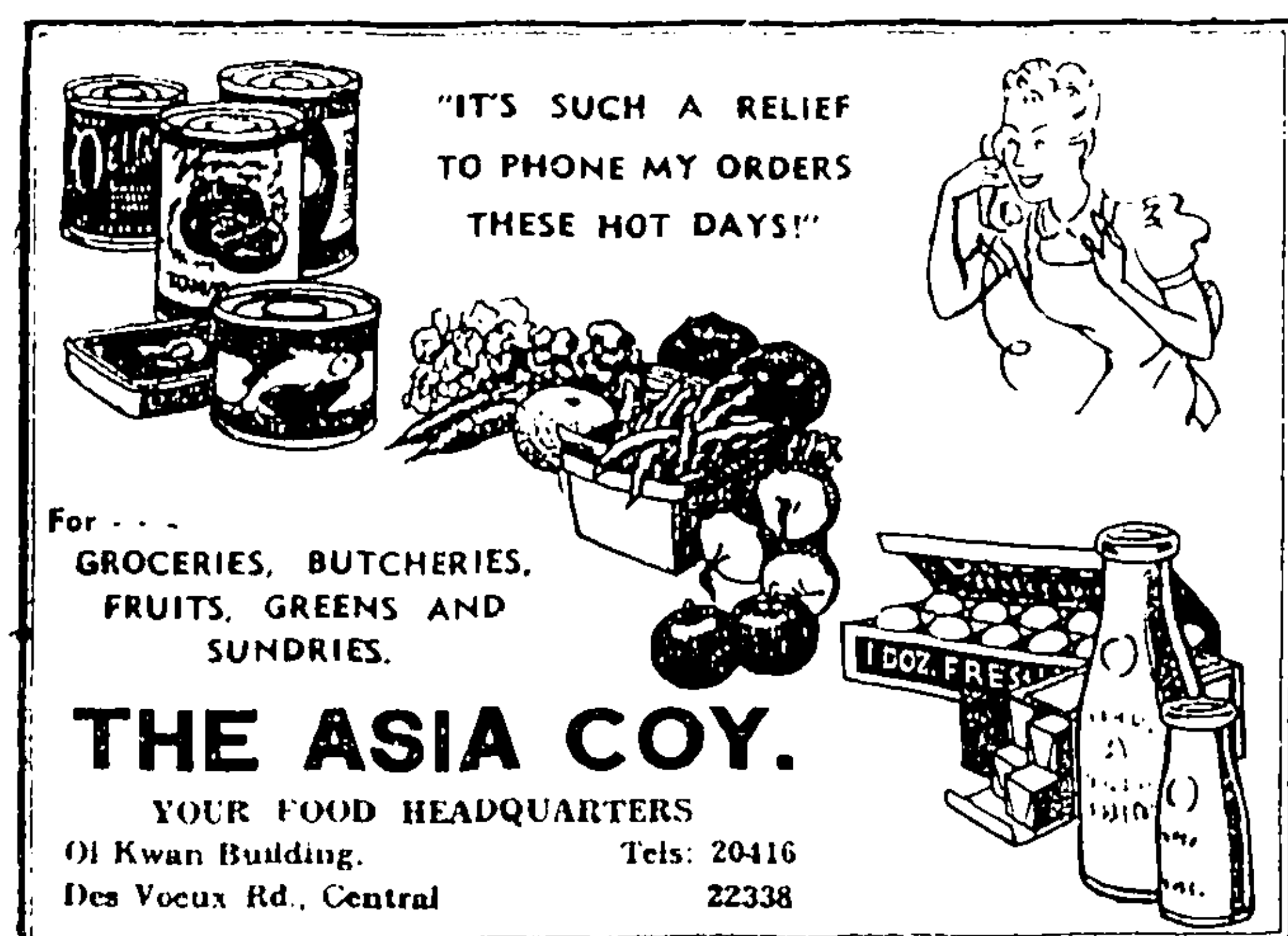
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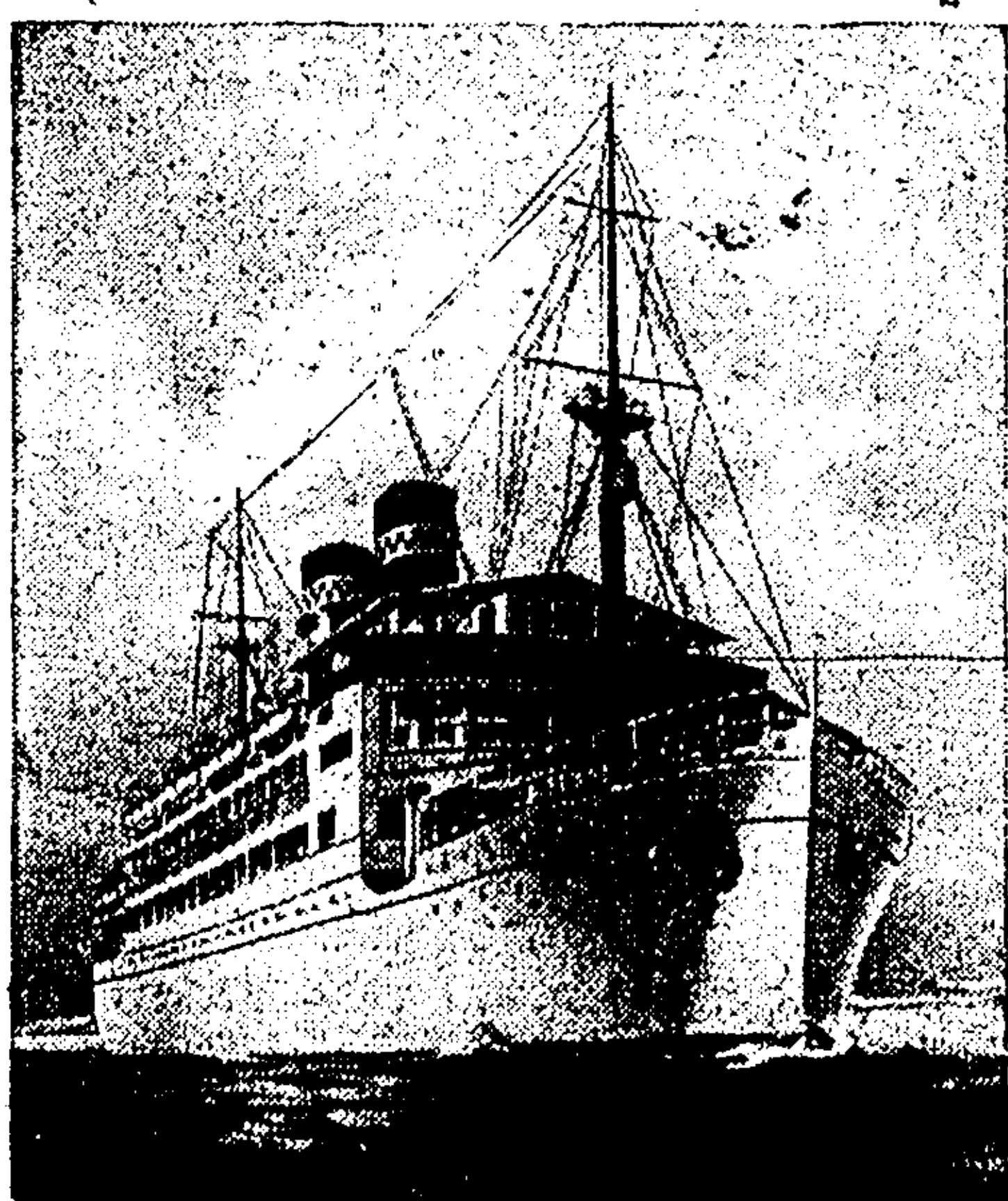
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A PARTICULARLY brilliant score was compiled by C. W. Engle of the U.S.S. Tulsa on February 27, his effort being 259 at Ten Pins, which ties Cpl. J. H. Watts' 258 for the highest score for the month, made on February 13.

Engle's score-sheet shows that he started off with three strikes in a row, a spare on his fourth, then five more strikes in succession, a spare on his 10th frame and a strike with the extra ball. Undoubtedly it was good bowling.

Several good matches were played off in the Singles Handicap Competition since my last Jotting—the competition is in the semi-final stage.

Cpl. Watts, of the Royal Signals, played W. D. Gardner on February 27, and, as was expected, won very comfortably by 85 pins, despite the heavy handicap. Watts' handicap was plus 20 and Gardner's plus 50.

The scores were:—Cpl. J. H. Watts 528 and Gardner 443.

Watts played with his usual ability and never seemed to worry much about the 90 pins he had to give away, but Gardner was not comfortable and bowled much below his usual form.

Unusual Match

There was rather an unusual match played in the third round of the Singles Handicap Competition, on March 11, between L/Cpl. H. B. Wilkins of Royal Corps of Signals and Jack Odell. I say it was unusual because Wilkins trounced Odell by no less than 154 pins, when it was expected that it would be a very tight game.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Odell's plus 33, and the scores were:—Wilkins 552 and Odell 398.

Wilkins bowled consistently well and at 214 in his second game completed the debacle of Odell.

Odell was right off but I understand that he has been very busy of late with Volunteer Camps.

The U.S.S. Gold Star arrived at the end of February, coinciding with a visit of the U.S.S. Tulsa, so a return match was arranged to be played on March 1—the previous match was played when the two ships happened to be in port on January 13, Gold Star winning on that occasion by 75 pins.

In the return match, Tulsa made no mistake, winning convincingly by no less than 323 pins, the scores being:—Tulsa 3141 and Gold Star 2818.

Star Bowler

Peterson of Tulsa was star bowler of the match with a useful 839, while Niehoff also of Tulsa, was second highest scorer with 821.

Shanty Moore of Tulsa, who was third with 785, would have done much better if he had not been so erratic. With a good 190 in his first game, he fell down to 108 in his second, 129 in his third, 153 in his fourth, and then a burst to finish with 205, the highest individual score of the match.

Feature of this match was the fact that there were only two scores of 200 or over registered. Moore notched 205 in his fifth game, and Peterson 202 in his first.

Skiver's Success

R. E. Skiver, of U.S.S. Mindanao, made no mistake in beating E. H. Brazel in the Third Round of the Singles Handicap Competition on March 3; he won comfortably by 75 pins. Skiver's handicap was plus 33 and Brazel's plus 46, and the scores were:—Skiver 430 and Brazel 355.

There was rather a surprise when C. M. Williams beat Signalman A. Cleggett in the fourth Round of the Singles Handicap Competition on the same day. Williams won by no less than 74 pins when it was expected that Cleggett would win the encounter.

Williams' handicap was plus 43 and Cleggett's plus 26. The scores were:—Williams 500 and Cleggett 426.

C. I. Sepitsky play A. W. Muenker in the Third Round of the same competition on March 6, this being the last match to be played in this round. Sepitsky's handicap was plus 43 and Muenker plus 36, and the scores were:—C. I. Sepitsky 311 and Muenker 308.

These were not good scores for players who had reached the third round. Actually, the highest score—a mere 119—was made by Muenker. Both players were right off form.

Still Winning

Master Gunner Cooper beat L/Cpl. H. B. Wilkins in the Fourth Round on March 7.

It was a very close call for he just managed to scrape home by the narrow margin of 10 pins. Cooper's handicap was plus 43 and Wilkins' plus 30. Scores:—Cooper 482 and Wilkins 472.

Cooper will now meet Williams in the semi-final.

The other semi-finalists are Cpl. Watts and Sepitsky.

The records for the month of February were as follows—

| TEN PINS | |
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| Ladies' | |
| Mrs. A. Morton | 173 |
| Men's | |
| Cpl. Watts | 253 |
| C. W. Engle | 239 |
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| Men's | |
| A. Cleggett | 149 |

HOOI WINS FIRST MATCH

Following are the results of the opening matches of the Badminton championships.

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. L. Anderson beat H. Weng-toh 15—10, 18—15, (5—2).

SENIOR SINGLES

P. K. Hool beat S. Amplavanar 15—5, 15—7.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo 18—16 (5—3), 12—15, 15—8.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:—

AT CLUB DE RECREIO

Men's Senior Singles

C. Au v. H. C. Eardley. (7 p.m.).

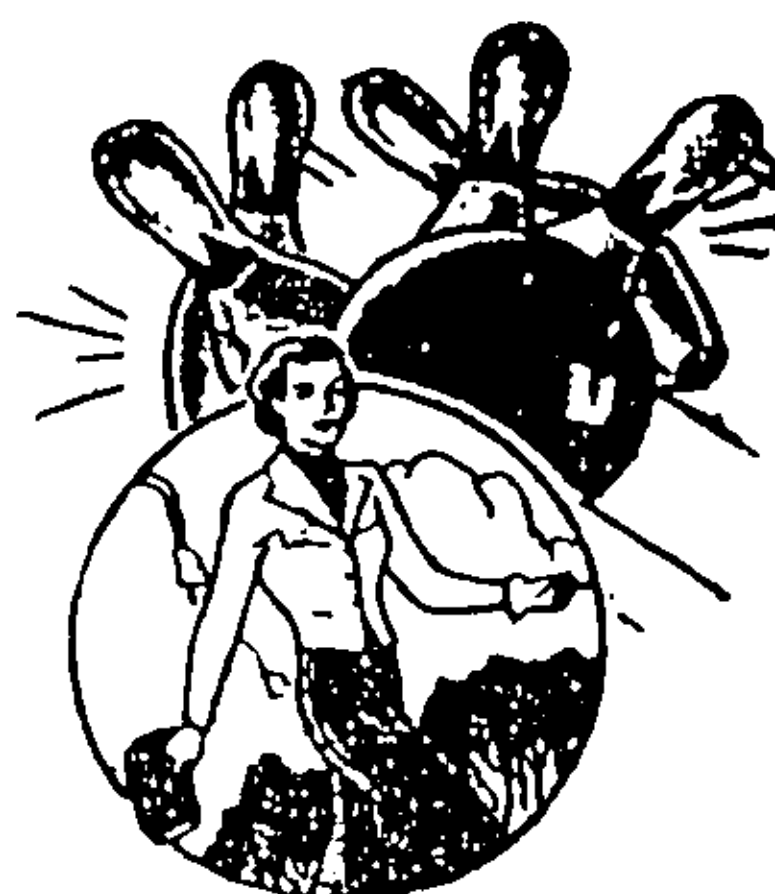
Men's Junior Doubles

F. Kwok and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang. (7.45 p.m.).
R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v. M. Talan and H. Odell. (8.30 p.m.).

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey on the "Y" ground on Saturday:

1st XI v. Khalea (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell; Taylor, Yourieff; Jordan, Coombes, Waldron; Spencelayh, Morgan, Hitchcock, Ure, Dunne.
2nd XI v. "A" Navy XI (3 p.m.):—Cleggett; Railton, Saxby, Smits, Tomlinson, Gorman; Macy, Olsen, Dormer, Fancey, Banks.

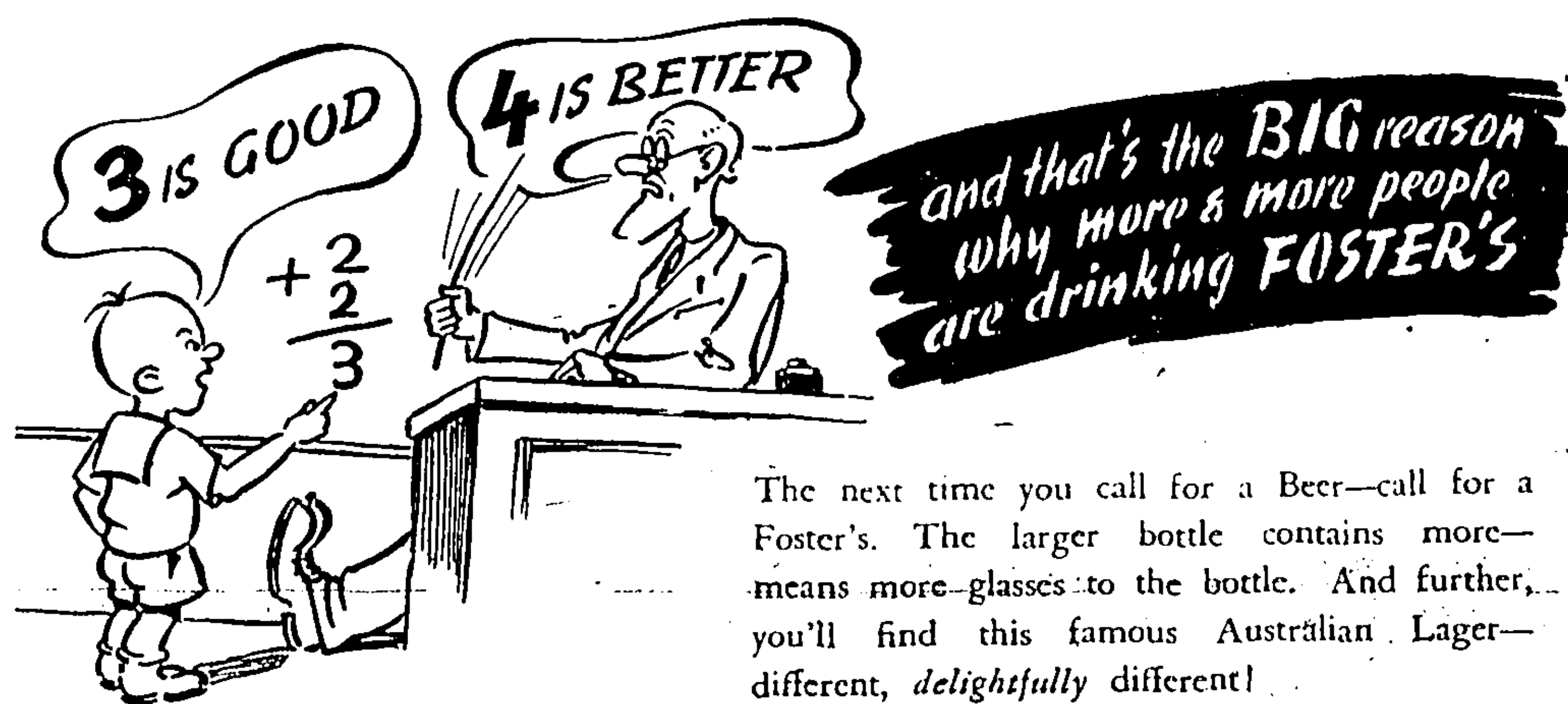


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PROSPECTS FOR FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

BLACK SEAL AND VENUS BAY FOR THE "DAILY DOUBLE"

"By Rapier"

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING WILL BE STAGED AT THE VALLEY TO-MORROW AND SHOULD ATTRACT A GOOD ATTENDANCE. THE FIRST SADDLING BELL WILL BE RUNG AT 1.30 P.M. THE PROGRAMME CONSISTING OF NINE EVENTS, THE MAJORITY OF THESE BEING SPECIALLY RESERVED FOR PONIES THAT HAVE NOT WON A RACE DURING THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

The grass track, which was affected by rain recently, has improved considerably during the last two days, but I doubt whether there will be any major upsets, though there is always the possibility of favourites being beaten when least expected.

All the visiting jockeys have returned North, so that to-morrow's meeting will mark the resumption of local rivalry. Mr. Black has been most successful so far, and, together with Mr. Needa, should command the most support.

I have been given to understand that Mr. P. Y. T. Wei will be in charge of Cret's ponies as they are not being sent back to Shanghai this year.

RANDWICK PLATE (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The programme opens with a race for Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not secured a win since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting.

Jus Gentium (Mr. Black) is the obvious choice for a win here in view of its second placing to United Express in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions.

I consider Vitamin M to be the only pony among the entries that may be able to make a strong challenge. Seal River (Mr. Hearne) or Snow White (Mr. Ph) might, with a little luck, take one of the minor places.

LOITERERS STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

New Griffins that have not won a race will try conclusions here, and Charlesber, although it disappointed badly on its last outing when it was beaten by Sam's Choice by a short head in the Nil Desperandum Stakes, should be strongly supported. Personally I rather fancy its chances.

Iron Beauty (Mr. Wei) which was third to Charlesber in the race referred to above, is dangerous as it can move pretty fast though lacking in stamina. However, if Mr. Wei is able to hold the pony back until the last quarter, it may yet spring a surprise.

Wonderful Scheme (Mr. Tao) should not have any difficulty in securing the third place.

For those who are habitually on the lookout for an outsider, I suggest Night Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); this pony seems to be improving, judging by its morning gallops.

RANDWICK PLATE (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

Second section of non-winning Australian Subscription Griffins of 1941 will figure in this race, and, judging by results, I expect the finish to resolve into a battle between the following:-

Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao); Corsair (Mr. P. P. Botelho); Daylight (Mr. Wei); Hole In One (Mr. Hearne); and Sydney Diamond (Mr. Chao).

Corsair came in third in the Flemington Plate (First Section) over the mile, and a win is indicated here, but it will have to beat Bona Vacantia, which did extremely well in the first section of the Perth Plate, when it came in second to Moonlight.

Daylight, with a change of jockey in Mr. Wei, is expected to be near at the finish, while Sydney Diamond, which was a disappointment during the Carnival, but has yet to show its true form, is a possible for a win to-morrow.

Hole In One was well thought of during morning gallops before the Annual Race Meeting, but after running unplaced in the Australian Valley Stakes, it never started again for the remainder of the meeting. If it strips to-morrow, it is quite capable of extending the above-named ponies.

MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is confined to "B" Class, Australian Subscription ponies that have not won a race since January 1, 1941.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy) for its second placing to Brutus in the Ladies' Purse has been penalised 5 lb., which I think is not too severe a handicap.

However, the distance is only a mile and I fancy it to win.

Connieker (Mr. Chao), for its third placing to Springhurst, is up by a pound and it will probably take second place.

Devonian (Mr. Black), ran poorly in the Ladies' Purse. It led the field until the Football Stands for the second time round and then faded out of the picture. In view of its light weight, however, coupled with the shorter distance to-morrow, I think it has a grand opportunity of reversing its defeat at the hands of the above two ponies.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Trevorton) was only a short head behind Springhurst, the second pony in the Bendigo Handicap, from the two mile post, and for that reason it can be relied upon to give a good account of itself in this race.

Rowan (Mr. Hearne) is another likely challenger which may conceivably cause an upset here.

Everything considered, I think Springhurst should win with Connieker second and Vixen Tor third, leaving Devonian the pony to cause

the upset—if there should be one at all.

RANDWICK PLATE (THIRD SECTION): ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to third section of Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 that have not won a race at the Annual Race Meeting.

From the entries I recommend Black Seal, which will be taken out by Mr. Needa, as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down among prospective winners.

Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but among this field I think it should win.

The Koala Bear (Mr. S. W. Tang), which was third in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over this distance, should fill second place, with Fresh Air (Mr. S. W. Pan) taking the other place. Strathaldyn (Mr. Black) and Harmony Star (Mr. P. P. Botelho) are promising outsiders.

MELBOURNE CUP: TWO MILES

Australian ponies of past and present seasons that have not won more than \$4,000 in stakes since January 1, 1941 will compete in this event, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between the following ponies:-

Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa); Viceroy (Mr. Black); First Love (Mr. Liang); Fleetwing (Mr. Poy); and Marsh Warbler (Mr. Davis).

Baffin Bay will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and, on form, should have no difficulty in winning.

Viceroy won the Kara Kara Handicap on the third day of the Annual Meeting, and it should fill second place, while for third place it should be a fight between First Love and Marsh Warbler.



For an outsider, I recommend Fleetwing.
BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "C" Class, Australian Subscription Ponies.

Venus Bay (Mr. Needa), is undoubtedly the best and has accordingly been allotted top weight. In view of its performance in the Benarba Handicap (Two Miles), when it came in second to Centre Court carrying the same weight, and as the distance is only a mile, I reckon that if it is allowed to make the running from the start, instead of being held for a spectacular last-quarter rush, it should have little difficulty in winning for the first time this year.

The pony to watch, however, is Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) which should give Venus Bay a keen fight.

There is also Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) to be considered as this pony is good enough to extend the above two ponies.

My choice is Venus Bay to win, with Cheerful Star second and Shuttlecock third.

RANDWICK PLATE (FOURTH SECTION): ONE MILE

Fourth Section of 1941 non-winning Australian Subscription (Griffins) will fight out the issue in this race and from their performances during the Carnival I should not be far wrong in suggesting A Rosy Time (Mr. Black), which was second in the Flemington Plate (Second Section) over the mile, as the likely winner.

However, there is Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne) to be reckoned with, as this pony ran a good second in the Blue Mountains Plate (Second Section) over this distance, and Optima Fide (Mr. Chao), which is also good enough to win. Royal Sovereign (Mr. P. P. Botelho) should also be in the picture in the final run home.

OAKLEIGH PLATE: ONE MILE
This is the final event of the day, for Australian Ponies, griffins of this season that have not won.

Looking over the entries, Oracle (Mr. Needa) appears the logical choice for a win in view of its second placing in the Austral Racing Stakes to Coloona, while Prairie View (Mr. Ph), which came in second to A Luxurious

Time in the Caulfield Stakes, should have no difficulty in taking second place.

Mr. Chao has the choice between Nomine Poenae and Vis Major in this race and if he decides to take the latter it should be well up at the finish.

King's Welcome has been a disappointment thus far but may do well to-morrow when least expected. My choices for first three are Oracle, Prairie View and Vis Major.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 3th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy. (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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ANNUAL MARATHON RACE

THE TWENTIETH Annual Kowloon Marathon Race, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Club, will take place next Friday, starting in front of St. Andrew's Church at 5 p.m., sharp.

FANLING RACING

Following are the entries and handicaps for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club meeting to be held on March 23:

Shamrock Handicap (7 furlongs, flat race): A Good Time, (145), Colorado Star, (135), Dick Turpin, (145), Schmettering, (140), Sea Urchin, (135), Tarzan, (135), Violet Queen, (149).

Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup (2 1/2 mile, steeplechase): Chubby Number, (155), Double Chance, (147), Jack O'Lantern, (145), Mac's Second Venture, (140), March Brown, (151), Ploughboy, (161), Soldier of China, (161), Three Fairings, (140), Vibel, (168).

Dublin Handicap (6 furlongs, flat race): Arabian Cat, (140), Ascot Vale, (159), Dow Jones, (135), Gallant Marshal, (135), Heddon, (140), Lancashire Chap, (141), Lucky Eleven, (135), National Liberty, (135), National Success, (155), Palmer, (149), Plain View, (135), Radium Star, (155), Zero, (152).

Hunters' Cup (7 furlongs, flat race): Chatterbox, (141), Jack O'Lantern, (141), King's Worthy, (143), Night View, (155), Ooruph, (143), Royal Highness, (148), Royal Wedding Eve, (159), Soldier of China, (149), Sylvan-dale, (143), The Tigris, (135), West Lake, (152).

Governor's Cup (2 miles, steeplechase): Brutus, (168), Glorious Star, (152), Kiola, (140), Sea Urchin, (157), Spark Plug, (145), Spectrum, (140), Tay Lumber, (155), Teviotdale, (145).

Kangaroo Cup (6 furlongs, flat race): Entries for this race will close next Tuesday, March 18, at noon and the handicaps will be announced on Wednesday.

In connection with the Hunters' Cup, a special \$1 sweep, limited to 100,000 chances, is being run. The cost of one Through Chance is \$10, including the special sweep. Tickets can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17, Connaught Road, Central, top floor.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling:

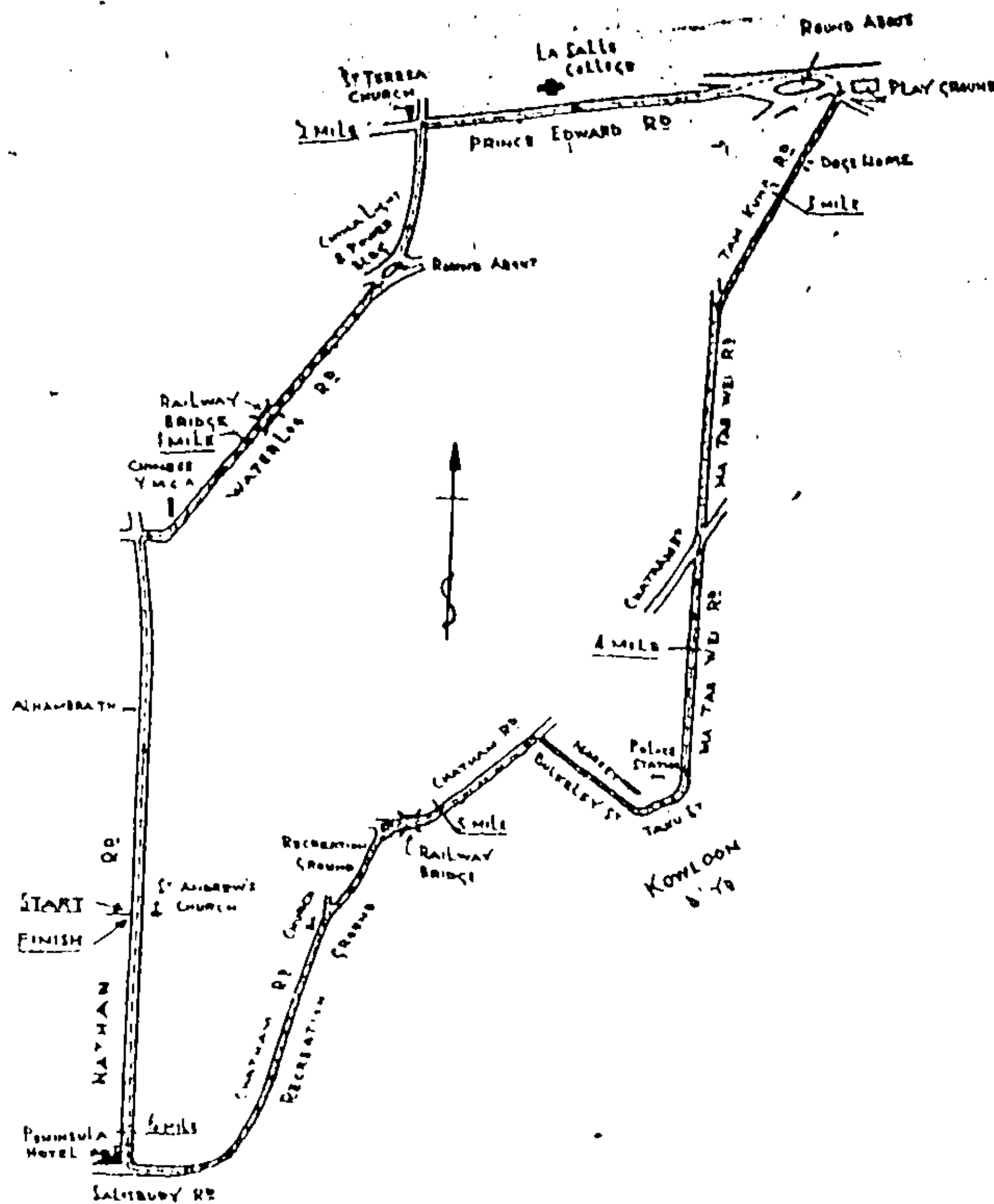
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| Old Course | |
| 9.16 a.m. | F. A. Howard, T. Megarry. |
| 9.20 .. | I. W. Shewan, F. D. Hunter. |
| 9.24 .. | A. B. Purves, I. H. Geare. |
| 9.28 .. | A. C. I. Bowker, A. H. Penn. |
| 9.32 .. | G. Dadds, G. Thomson. |
| 9.36 .. | P. V. McLane, W. W. C. Shewan. |
| 9.40 .. | R. Young, R. Forrest. |
| 9.44 .. | Major Giles, D. S. Robb. |
| 9.48 .. | L. A. R. Duncan, J. Hackney. |
| 9.52 .. | J. Harrop, T. Low. |
| 9.56 .. | G. T. Harrington, J. W. Anderson. |
| 10.00 .. | H. F. Phillips, A. J. Dennis. |
| 10.04 .. | A. M. Mack, S. P. Streetfield. |
| 10.08 .. | T. J. J. Fenwick, D. C. Davis. |
| 10.12 .. | S. A. Sleep, D. I. Prophet. |
| 10.16 .. | H. C. Margrett, R. H. Chalmor. |
| 10.20 .. | J. Way, H. A. Mills. |
| 10.24 .. | F. A. Redmond, J. C. Taylor. |
| 10.28 .. | A. W. Bourne, S. L. Lloyd. |
| 10.32 .. | W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy. |
| 10.36 .. | K. S. Robertson, G. M. Park. |
| 10.40 .. | J. M. Thomson, J. L. Macintyre. |
| 10.44 .. | P. E. Annis, J. B. Mackie. |
| 10.48 .. | J. J. van Muihlen, B. de Haan. |
| 10.52 .. | J. G. Jensen, Major Alley. |
| New Course | |
| 9.24 a.m. | J. A. D. Morrison, J. S. Dunnett. |
| 9.32 .. | P. Morrison, R. R. Davies. |
| 9.36 .. | F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome. |
| 10.04 .. | L. M. S. Lloyd, J. R. Collis. |
| 10.12 .. | Miss Wentworth, Mrs. Prophet. |
| 10.16 .. | Mrs. Margrett, Miss Chalmor. |
| 10.24 .. | Miss Blackburn, M. A. Annett. |
| 10.28 .. | Miss Kelly, Mrs. Murrell. |
| 10.36 .. | J. Linaker, Col. Matthews. |
| 10.40 .. | Col. Shackleton, Major Curran. |

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The course of the race is as follows: Start in front of the Church, along Nathan Road towards Yaumati, turning into Waterloo Road up to the intersection along Prince Edward Road towards Kowloon City, turning into Tam Kung Road and along, Matarwei Road up to Kowloon Dock, and by Bulkeley Road along Chatnam Road, passing Railway Bridge, into Salisbury Road and turning into Nathan Road at the corner of Peninsula Hotel, to finish at St. Andrew's Church.

It may be recalled that there were originally 33 entries for the race last year, but the Middlesex entry of 15 runners was withdrawn owing to the military duties. It is hoped that this year there will be more entries.

Pte. Corrigan, of Royal Scots, carried off the honours last year, returning 36 minutes and 4 seconds, time much lower than the record, which was set by Bugler White, of Somerset Light Infantry, in 1930 at 33 minutes and 25 seconds.

MACAO RACING POSTPONED

Entries on this occasion will close on Tuesday, and all the competitors are requested to send in their entries to Mr. V. R. J. Merrett, of S. C. E. Dept., H.M. Naval Yard, Hong Kong, together with entrance fee of \$1 per runner, as early as possible.

The next race meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, originally scheduled for March 23, has been postponed to April 6.

LEE WAI-TONG NOT CHOSEN

At a meeting of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation two teams were chosen to represent the Federation for the Governor's Cup on Sunday.

The first team includes several Sing Tao players and Lee Wai-tong. The second team was chosen in case the Sing Tao team did not arrive in time for the match. Advice so far is that Sing Tao will arrive next week.

It is curious to note that Lee Wai-tong has not been included in the alternative team!

CRICKET

The Craigengower v. Recrio Cricket League match has been postponed.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GOVERNOR'S CUP COMPETITION (SECOND GAME)

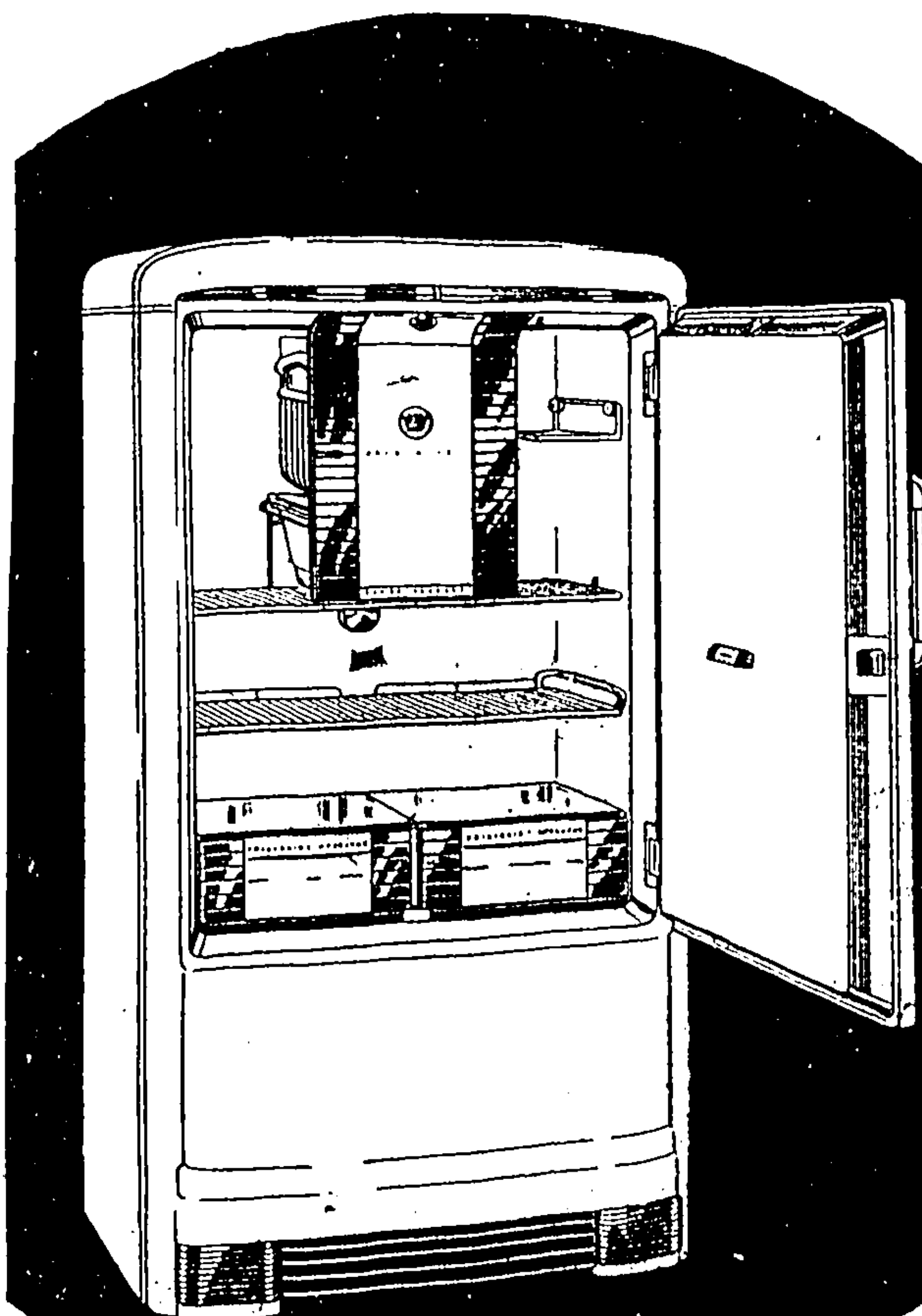
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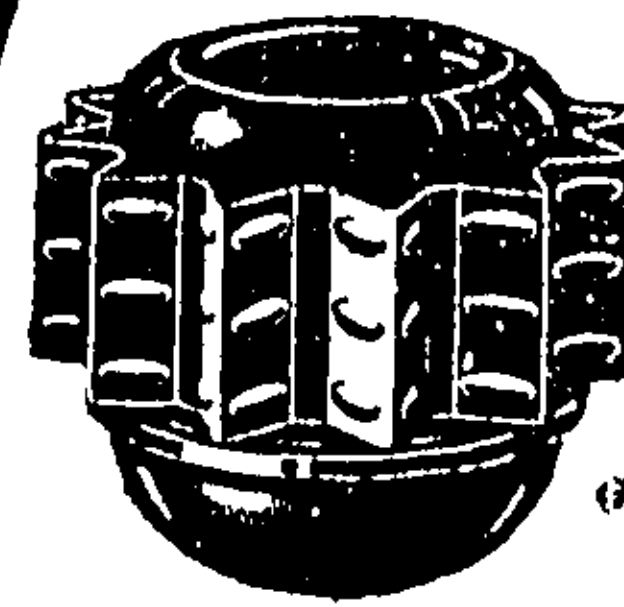
Navy Ground, 3.30 p.m.

Prices of admission:—Covered stand (Reserved seats):—\$1.10. Uncovered stand:—55 cents and End stands:—35 cents (including tax).

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CLOSING IN ON KEREN

Advances In All Sectors In East Africa Operations In South Bogged

THE ADVANCE OF THE Imperial troops in Italian Somaliland continues in all sectors, according to yesterday's Cairo communique, which states that there is nothing of importance to report from Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia.

In Eritrea, our troops are closing in on Keren. In Abyssinia, our advance on Debra Marcos continues, while in the south, in the Lake Rudolf area, operations have been held up by heavy rain.

Our advance forces are now 96 miles from Jijiga, which is linked by road with Harar, the second largest town in Abyssinia.

It is pointed out that we are advancing along the road which the Italians built in their campaign against the Ethiopians. A Nairobi communique records some progress in the advance from the south towards Addis Ababa.

Following Up Retreat

Patriot forces, it is now confirmed, have occupied Yavello, 70 miles north of Meqa.

The patriots are following up the Italian retreat in cooperation with Imperial forces from Meqa.

In Italian Somaliland, British forces surprised the enemy at Daghabur, a post 100 miles south of Jijiga, and captured prisoners and horses in which they were preparing to escape. — Reuter.

Asosa Captured

Maintaining their relentless pressure following the fall of Alota, 45 miles inside Abyssinia from Kurmat, the British forces have now taken Asosa, 40 miles south-east of Kurmat.

The town was captured on Tuesday evening after combined operations by the Sudan Defence Force and East African troops. Details of the action have not yet been received. — Reuter.

1941 WHEAT CROP

Limitation in the amount of the 1941 wheat crop to be accepted by the Canadian Wheat Board to 230,000,000 bushels, as announced by Mr. James Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, will need a reduction of approximately 35 per cent of wheat acreage.

Farmers who use the remaining acreage in certain specified ways will be compensated, it was stated in Ottawa yesterday. — Reuter.

America Takes Strain

Responsibility for between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 worth of unfilled British orders for war material and British-owned facilities for munition production in the United States, may be transferred to the United States Government.

This was disclosed in Washington yesterday by a high administrative official, who stated that negotiations on the subject were proceeding which would relieve some of the pressure on Britain's efforts to raise dollar exchange.

It is estimated that the British own about \$100,000,000 worth of munition factories and production facilities in the United States. — Reuter.

FIRE AT KOWLOON DOCKS

Two fire engines were despatched to Kowloon Docks, Hungghom, shortly after 11 o'clock this morning upon the receipt of a fire alarm.

On arrival, two hoses were immediately put into action and within ten minutes had the fire brought under control before it could damage further property.

The fire started in the power room in the Docks when an electric power motor caught fire apparently due to a short-circuit.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK

AN ALARMING INCREASE IN CHOLERA CASES WAS NOTIFIED ON WEDNESDAY WHEN A TOTAL OF 18 CASES OCCURRED.

Sixteen came from Victoria and only two from Kowloon.

The total number of cases, since the beginning of the year, is now 69.

There were also nine cases of dysentery on Wednesday.

NAZI DIPLOMAT ASKED TO GO

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Accused of spreading Nazi propaganda and attempting to start trouble between Honduras and the United States, Christian Zinsner, German Charge d'Affaires, has been declared non persona grata by the Honduras authorities.

He will be compelled to leave Honduras immediately and presumably will return to Germany via Russia. — International News Service.

The prefix "special" to telegrams is used by the "Sunday Herald" and "China Mail" to indicate news which is strictly copyright under the provisions of the Telecommunications Ordinance, 1939, and may not be reprinted under any circumstances, either wholly or in part, without prior arrangement.

STRANGER ARRESTED IN IRELAND

A stranger, who stated he had landed during the night from a German aeroplane, was arrested by guards in County Wexford yesterday, says an official announcement in Dublin.

The man declared he came down at Ballycullaid, in the same county. — Reuter.

FRENCH TO CONVOY SHIPS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

August Nogues, Resident-General of French Morocco, announced last night that the French navy henceforth will convoy shipments of sugar from the West Indies to French Morocco.

He said the German and Italian armistice commissions were extending the necessary authorisation.

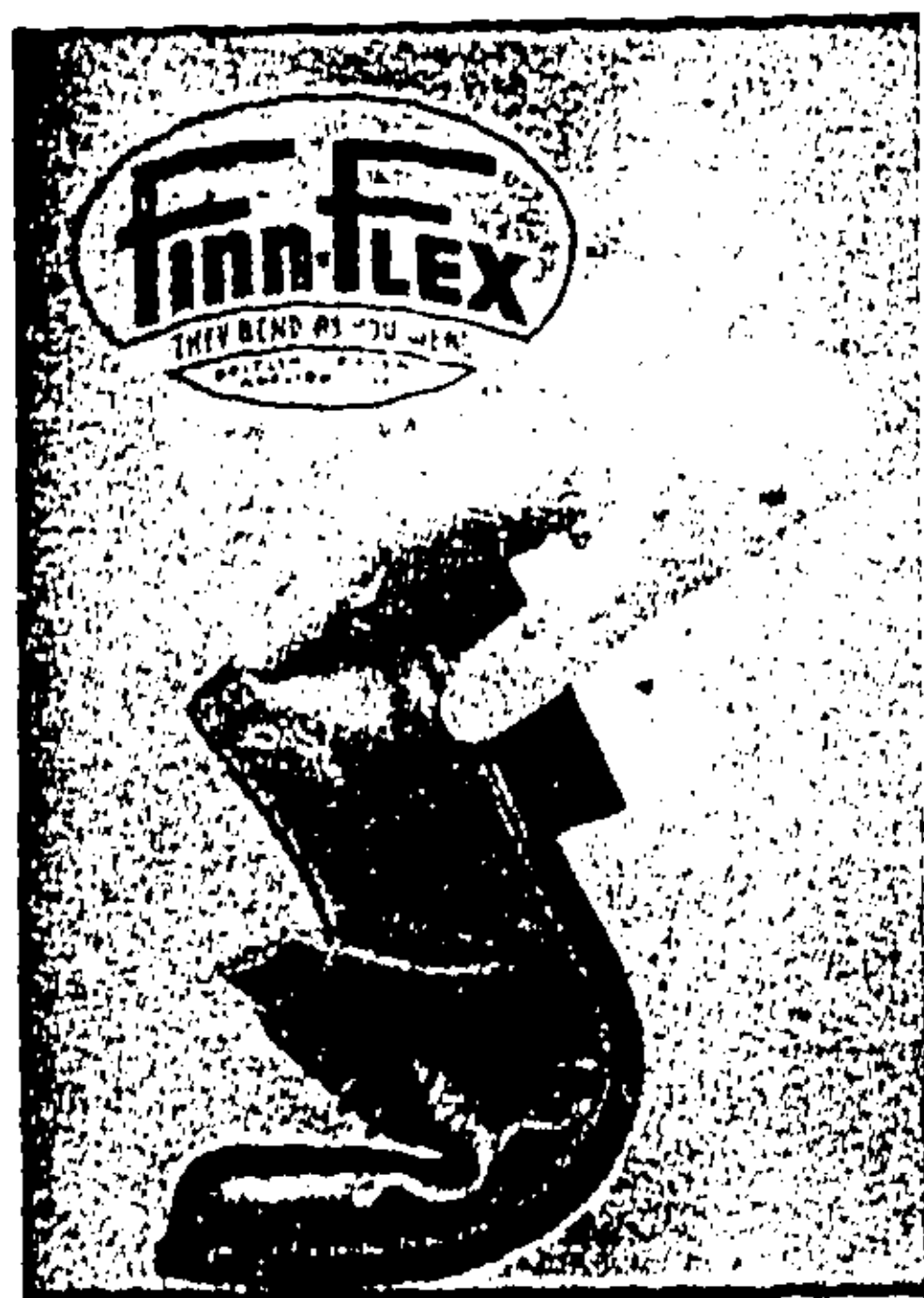
Vichy circles openly admitted that by using her navy, France is risking possible hostilities with Britain, but said the importation of sugar to Morocco is an urgent necessity. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

A heartening effect of Wednesday's heavy R.A.F. raids in Germany, combined with the destruction of Nazi bombers over England was reflected in to-day's press comments. Says the "Daily Mail" "we ceased to be hunted and were hunters. To-day the R.A.F. is more aggressive than the German Air Force. They are raging all over Europe and beating up the Luftwaffe as they go."

The "Daily Telegraph" sees in the fresh offensive, preparations for a grimmer phase of air war. Writing of Wednesday's bag of nine enemy bombers and others badly damaged by fighters, anti-aircraft guns, and "other devices" the paper says "steady increase of German night losses now assured may become great enough to weaken the raiding squadrons. Another sound cause for satisfaction appears in the comparative inefficiency of German measures to defeat our night attack. From all farflung raiding over half of the continent and the northern seas, only five of our bombers failed to return."

The article continues "Attack is the master word. With men and machines which day by day and night after night are proving superior to their opposite numbers we may be confident in the destruction of the Nazi war machine." — Reuter.



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